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RED

in the face

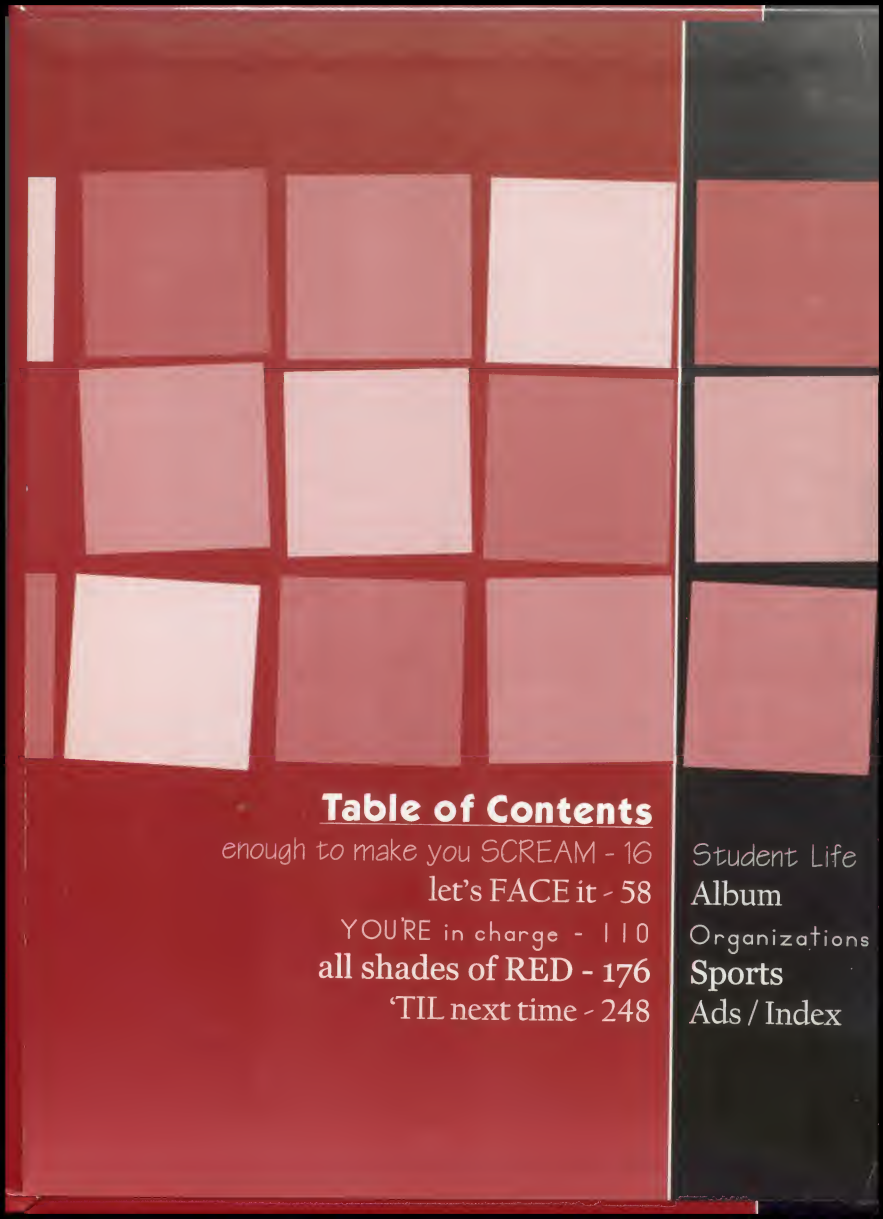


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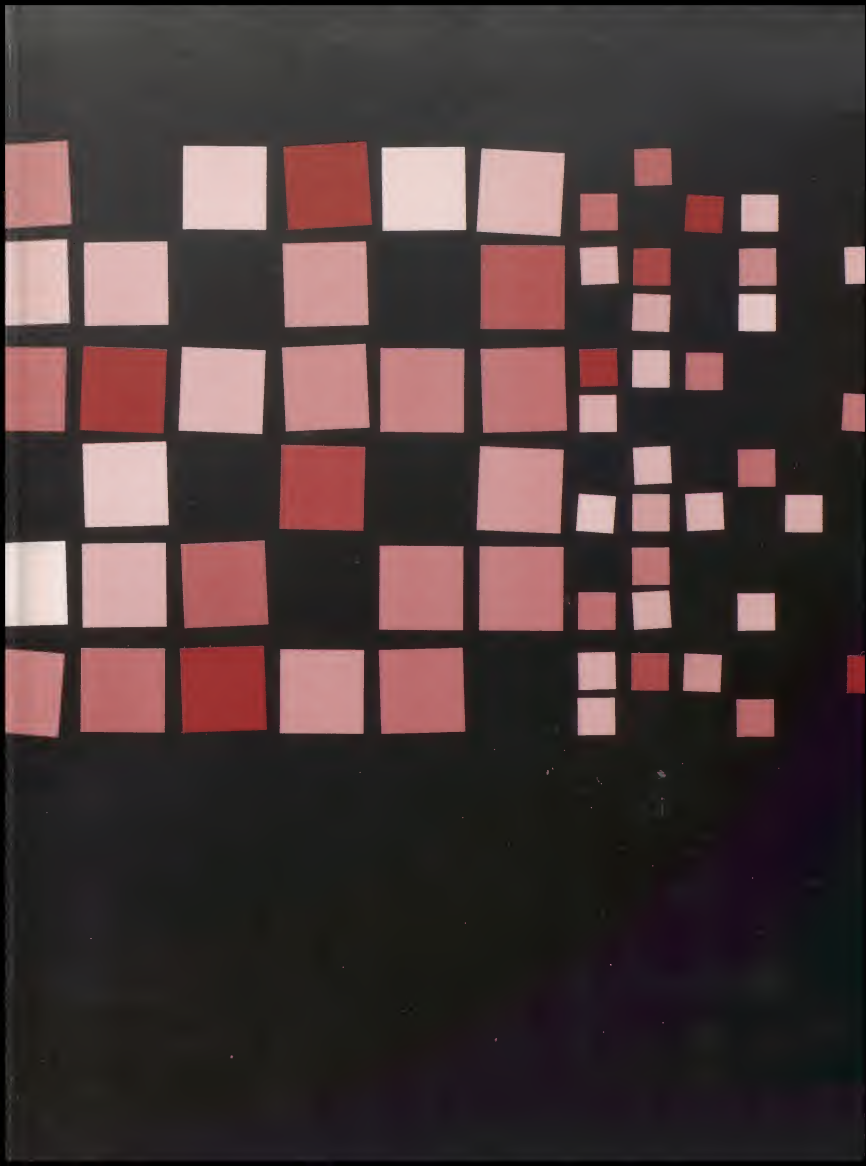
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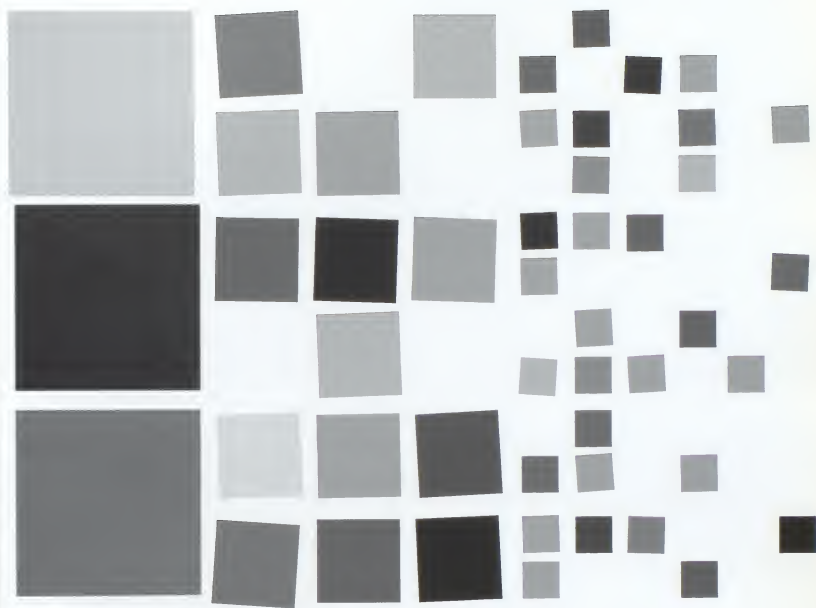
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Since the beginning of PHS, the school colors have been red and white. They have not only been an important symbols of school spirit for the students, but have come to represent what the students do to make the high school the way it is today.

The many colors and shades of red signify certain meanings and set different moods. Courage, passion, careers, health, strength, happiness, anger, and energy are ways the students interpret the hue. It is known to be the most noticeable and



intimidating color in the spectrum.

The diverse meanings of the color red became apparent when, at the start of winter, the administration decided against winter homecoming. Some students heard of the news and went into action. Filled with courage and determination, the student body convinced the administration to change their decision. It turned out to be a memorable success.



Keeping up with the new spirit, powder-puff football and the student faculty basketball game were introduced to the student body. Both became ways to raise money for good causes. Both were considered successes.

These three examples and others throughout the school year show students striving to have a voice in the way the school works. With all this in mind, being persistent and embracing the spirit of the school is enough to make you . . .



The blood drive is an annual event that happens at PHS and is headed up by National Honor Society members. Students must be at least seventeen years of age to first qualify. In order to donate blood the participants have to go through a series of tests to determine whether or not they are capable of donating. The blood drive always turns out to be a terrific success.

THE DANGER OF SARS



Symptoms of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome

- headache
- dry cough
- fever greater than 100.4 degrees F
- trouble breathing
- overall aches and discomfort

- Cause:** coronavirus
Spread: close person to person contact
Those at risk:
- health care workers
 - travelers
 - family members



According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the following are facts regarding adolescents and their physical activity and health.

- Nearly half of American youth aged 12 - 21 years old are not vigorously active on a regular basis
- About 14 % of young people report no recent physical activity. Inactivity is more common in females (14 %) than males (7%).
- Only 19 % of all high school students are physically active for 20 minutes or more, five days a week, in physical education courses.

10 Tips for healthy eating and physical activity

1. **Start your day with breakfast** - It fills up your empty tank, and helps you do better in school
2. **Get moving** - Try to get 30 minutes of physical activity every day
3. **Snack smart** - Choose snacks from different food groups
4. **Work up a sweat** - Vigorous workouts help your heart pump better, give you more energy, and help you look and feel your best
5. **Balance your food choices** - Your body needs nutrients like protein, carbohydrates, fat and different vitamins and minerals, iron and calcium from a variety of foods
6. **Get fit with family or friends** - Being active is more fun with friends and family
7. **Eat more grains, fruits and vegetables** - These foods give you carbohydrates for energy, plus vitamins, minerals and fiber
8. **Join physical activities at school** - Structured activities are a sure way to feel good, look good and stay physically fit
9. **Foods aren't good or bad** - Balancing your food choices is important
10. **Make healthy eating and physical activities fun** - Try news sports, games and other activities as well as new foods



Kyle Sweeney

GPA: 4.26

Class Rank: 4

College:
Michigan State University

Major: Microbiology

Who would you like to thank: Parents, Doug and Cora

Life ambition:
Microbiology/
Immunologist

GPA: 4.09 **Class rank:** 11/464

College: Butler University

Major: Pharmacy

SAT score: 1490

Life ambition: I want to do my best and graduate with a doctorate of Pharmacy in 6 years.



Christine Brockett

Alison Zuidervliet

What did you do?

I won the regional coed weightlifting competition that was held on Dec. 22, 2002 at Merrillville High School.

I set weightlifting records in bench (155 lbs.) and deadlift (330 lbs.)

I also set the overall lifting record with (625lbs.)

There were 35 girls competing from the area.



Spicing up the Spirit

To try something new, the administration and students decided on having two different spirit boosting activities at school. The Powder Puff and the Student v.s. Faculty basketball games turned out to be a great success and a fun time for all.



photo's by samantha hoopingarner



SPIRIT intensifies

1. What has become a yearly tradition, the senior girls decorate the commons for the fall homecoming. This years senior slogan was "Put the wolves to bed." 2. For a brief moment before the game the senior girls excitedly discuss their dance routine amongst themselves. It has become the senior girls inheritance to perform a dance at the pep rally. 3. Football players watch and listen to Mr. Ralph Mundt lead the rally while their hearts and minds think about the big game later in the evening. The Indians trounced the Wolves 34-0 on a freezing cold Friday night at the Warpath.

do students show enough



elizabeth foye, 11

I think that alot of students in the school show school spirit. I mean look at the people at the football games. It's freezing and they don't have shirts on.



jonathan beller, 11

Yes, especially during spirit week. Seeing everyone in their costumes and then at the end in red and white makes it fun.



ryan shultz, 12

No I think that during Spirit week people wear black intentionally.

school spirit?

junior girls



angela mitrisin, 12



faculty and students

airband

senior girls



Operation:

Now that conflict has come, the only way to limit its duration is to apply decisive force. And I assure you, this will not be a campaign of half measures, and we will accept no outcome but victory.

President George W. Bush

President George W. Bush

dates from the frontline.

The war itself lasted a little less than a month when, on April 15th, President Bush announced that the Iraqi regime was no more and that Saddam Hussein was no longer the dictator and oppressor of the Iraqi people.

Iraqi people were seen on the news celebrating their

new found freedom by toppling statues and destroying images and other reminders of the fallen regime.

In the end, the Pentagon listed 128 U.S. troops had been killed and 495 soldiers were wounded during the course of the war.

The world must now start the longer task of rebuilding the nation of Iraq and assisting

in keeping order until a new Iraqi government can be put in place.

In relation to those efforts, President Bush signed a \$79 billion wartime supplemental budget to cover the needs directly arising from Operation Iraqi Freedom and the reconstruction of Iraq. Such a massive undertaking has not been seen since the Marshal Plan which helped rebuild Europe and Japan after World War II.

On the morning of March 22nd during a radio address, the President of the United States George W. Bush announced that American and coalition forces began a concerted campaign against the regime of Saddam Hussien. This was the beginning of Operation: Iraqi Freedom.

With a three-fold purpose: to disarm Iraq of weapons of mass destruction, to end Hussein's support for terrorism, and to free the Iraqi people, the United States and 49 other coalition countries from across the globe took the first steps in a conflict in the name of the security of nations and the peace of the world in spite of not having the backing of a United Nations resolution.

World opinion was mixed with nations such as Germany, France and Russia being formally opposed to the military action against Iraq and anti-war demonstrations taking place worldwide.

Students, parents, and teachers witnessed the war in real-time as, for the first time, journalists were embedded in with the coalition forces. Coverage was around the clock as reporters delivered constant up-



Two FV 32V's, the "Swordsmen," before launching one of the "light deck" of USS Harry S. Truman (SSN 781) to perform missions over Iraq. TRUMAN and carrier Airwing THREE (CVN 3) are currently on a six-month deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Operation Iraqi Freedom is the multinational coalition effort to liberate the Iraqi people, eliminate Iraq's weapons of mass destruction and end the regime of Saddam Hussein. (US Navy photo by Photographer's Mate 1st Class AW/SM1 Brandon Euland-Jones)



u.s. army humvee



U.S. army paratrooper



tomahawk cruise missile



joint service security forces



f-18e super hornet

ANGER

AMERICA AWAKES TO A NIGHTMARE

On February 1, 2003, Shuttle Columbia was lost on its path back to earth. Space Shuttle Columbia launched on January 16 from Kennedy Space Center on its 28th mission with seven astronauts, six Americans and one Israeli. Columbia set off on a sixteen day mission to research physical life and space science. The crew conducted approximately eighty separate experiments consisting of hundreds of samples and test points.

Mission control lost contact with Columbia while it was at an altitude of about forty miles and traveling at six times the speed of sound. Headed for a Florida landing, all communication seized as Columbia broke apart about thirty-eight miles above the Earth.

Still not certain of what exactly caused the disaster, NASA found evidence showing that the temperature on Columbia's left side shot up drastically. The mission remains under investigation as scientist continue to search for debris and wreckage.

Along with the debris, a cassette tape was miraculously recovered which viewed the astronauts usual flight activity during that day. The tape showed the final moments of the astronauts' lives and will forever be a memorabilia of the mission.

"Their mission was almost complete, and we lost them so close to home. The men and women of the Columbia had journeyed more than 6 million miles and were minutes away from arrival and reunion." President George W. Bush



"The final days of their own lives were spent looking down upon this Earth. And now, on every continent, in every land they could see, the names of these astronauts are known and remembered. They will always have an honored place in the memory of this country. And today I offer the respect and gratitude of the people of the United States." President George W. Bush

"This cause of exploration and discovery is not an option we choose; it is a desire written in the human heart. We are that part of creation which seeks to understand all creation. We find the best among us, send them forth into unmapped darkness, and pray they will return. They go in peace for all mankind, and all mankind is in their debt." President George W. Bush

All photos courtesy of NASA



Rick Husband



William C. McCool



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Kalpana Chawla



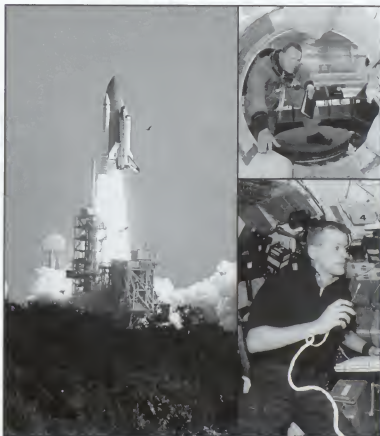
Michael J. Anderson



Laurel B. Clark



Ilan Ramon





seniors, julietta conception and diana espinosa

ACADEMY OF Health

With select health classes, students focus towards a medical career. The medical Vocational academy offers advanced opportunities.

ACADEMY OF Business and Finance

The student credit union directly relates to the business world. Students are able to interact with people and finance issues with first hand experience.



junior, yadira rosado



mr. brian schroll and sophomore james martinez

ACADEMY OF Engineering/Manufacturing

For students wanting to get ahead in the work force, this academy helps build essential skills early on with several crafty projects.

ACADEMIES

students can start early learning and developing the skills they need toward a future career.

With over two thousand students attending PHS, Portage became involved with the program, "High Schools that Work." This program centered on the idea that students will do better in smaller working units. The goal of this program is to ensure that high schools are able to reach out to all of their students.

At PHS, the student body was surveyed on their career interests for the future. The results showed that students were most interested in health, business, engineering/manufacturing, human services,

and fine arts and communications. With this in mind, Portage was able to develop the five academies which two of them are yet to begin. The academies are a way to reach out to students and they give the students an opportunity to focus on something that is career based.

An academy is basically four chosen classes that focus on one career major. These classes are not a heavy course load and will not limit any other career opportunities. The academies help prepare students for a positive future in society.



ACADEMY OF Human Services

Not to begin, the human services academy will prepare and educate students for careers such as police officer, criminal counselor. The jobs within this field are abundant.

ACADEMY OF Fine Arts and Communications

Still to come, this academy will offer it's first classes next fall. Jobs relating to the academy range from journalists and writers to artists and musicians.



sophomore daniel nowaczyk

JUNIOR



Dawn Oresik

"Being in this academy has helped my get a job that doesn't deal with fast food. Also, I have made many new close friends."

How are you benefited by

"I will be attending Vincennes University to pursue a printing career. Since I have taken the printing class, I won't have to take it in college."

Jonathan Spurlock



JUNIOR

the academy?

HYDROGEN

A volatile mixture of flammable liquid hydrocarbons derived chiefly from crude petroleum.

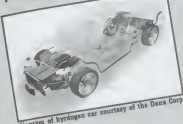


Diagram of hydrogen car courtesy of the Dana Corp.

As a way to reduce U.S. dependence on foreign oil, President Bush wants to spend 1.3 billion over the next five years on research to develop hydrogen-powered cars. Many experts believe hydrogen will replace all other forms of fuel over the

GASOLINE

next few decades. The use of hydrogen can prevent smog-forming exhaust gases, carbon dioxide emissions, and any worries of limited oil supplies. There are many disadvantages as well but the possibilities remain.



DO GAS PRICES

affect you?



"Not anymore because my car got stolen straight out the the PHS parking lot."

JUNIOR

Jeremy Gorden



"I don't ever look at the price, I always just put in ten dollars."

JUNIOR

Anna Rivera



WHAT we pay for in a regular gallon of Gasoline

Taxes
Distribution and Marketing
Refining
Crude Oil

(April 2003)

Retail Price: \$1.59/gallon



provided by: <http://tonto.ela.doe.gov/oog/info/gdu/gasdiesel.asp>

GAS prices continue to fluctuate

With the economy in a slump, consumers will take what they can get when it comes to filling up their gas tanks. Gasoline prices were expected to average more than \$1.70 a gallon before the war in Iraq, but instead, prices have dropped about ten cents. The success in Iraq directly affects the economy as the prices continue to change.



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enough to make you SCREAM



the lives that exist outside of the walls of school can be overwhelming. balancing a part-time job and keeping sight of other important aspects can feel impossible to manage.

going to prom, cheering at games, and participating in scholarship programs take patience and time from the individuals to prepare for the big event and can be somewhat



costly. when the time comes to enjoy the moment, all the hardwork put into making it happen has undoubtedly paid off. all the overwhelming excitement, from the beginning to the end, can be



enough to make you SCREAM.

TURNING NEW over a scarlet leaf

story by elizabeth sefcik

Every year with the change of seasons from summer in the sun to a cold and windy fall, football homecoming blows into Portage High School like at so many others high schools across the country. But this year was unlike any other year. It was unique from all other years at Portage since powderpuff football and tailgating were added to the list of activities.

"I have been waiting four years for powderpuff football to be introduced," said senior Rebecca Wyatt, commenting on her disappointment because it conflicted with her participation in volleyball.

The junior girls faced off against the senior girls, giving boys from their grade the opportunity to coach them in hopes of triumphing over the

rival grade.

"Even though it was hard trying to control all of those crazy girls at the same time, it was a great experience to be a part of," commented junior Bryan Fielder about being a coach for the junior girls' team.

Making powderpuff football part of homecoming week this year made it more fun, since it was a first for Portage.

"Between my freshman and sophomore years, I think spirit improved and made homecoming more exciting," said sophomore Melanee Dallas. "Powderpuff and tailgating helped make homecoming a more exciting experience for me and my friends!"

Tailgating in the parking lot with friends and live bands was the highlight for some students.



Students gather in the east gymnasium before the game to boost the football team's spirits. Every student had their own way of celebrating homecoming, but during the pep rally all of the students came together, cheering in unison.

Proudly sporting her handmade t-shirt for the junior girls, Catlin Sheehan dances with friends in the parking lot. Many girls have made it tradition to paint shirts together several days before the game, saving them as a personal memento.



photo by Samantha Hopfinger



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photo by Samantha Hysengraber

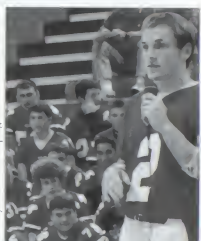
photo by Samantha Hysengraber



With a hot dog in hand, Principal S. Eric Floyd socializes with junior Christopher Brock, joining in the festivities by tailgating. Some students brought mini grills to cook out with friends in the parking lot before the game began.

As his teammates look on, senior Matthew Sedoris addresses the crowd at the pep rally, inspiring the boys for the game ahead against the Michigan City Wolves. He encouraged everyone to show their true Indian colors of red and white.

photo by Samantha Hysengraber



A daring group of boys reversed roles with the girls during the powderpuff football game cheering them on outagously from the track. The boys played leap frog and also formed a pyramid or two for the energetic crowd that evening.

Anxiously ready to show the school what they are made of, a few senior girls huddle around senior coach Matt Martinez during a time out of the powderpuff game. The girls dressed in the teams' old football jerseys, making the game a little more fashionable by adding their own feminine flare.



Quarterback of the team, senior Adam Hasiak was voted 'Mr Football' by fellow teammates. He stands during halftime admiring the crowd as he takes a few moments to regroup and rest before having to head back onto the field.

Since in years past the pep rally has been chaotic, this year, the classes battled against each other in a new, clean way. Students worked together racing other classes to see who could unroll paper towels down the bleachers the most quickly.

Photo by Elizabeth Seick

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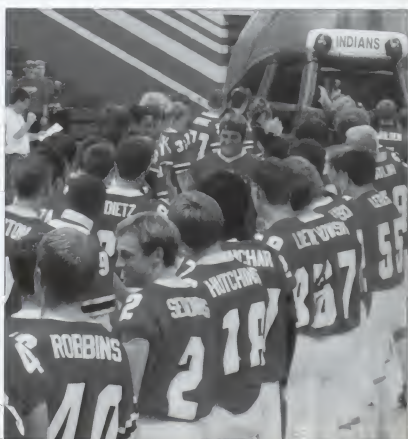
Photo by Elizabeth Seick



Always trying to cheer the team on in their own creative and humorous way, juniors Erik Scheub and Margaret Sabin dress in crazy homemade outfits supporting their friends on the field. Many students, superfan for specific players

After purchasing an inflatable football helmet last season, the players paraded out of it during the pep rally smiling proudly at their peers. The boys work hard year round to earn the recognition they receive during homecoming.

Photo by Elizabeth Seick





This year's homecoming queen, senior Melissa Wright, stands with other candidates after being crowned during halftime. The girls, showing a mixture of emotions, gathered together trying to keep warm that cold and windy evening.

something to SCREAM about

What do you think about our school spirit and student participation during homecoming?



"For it being my first year being in high school, I was really impressed and satisfied with our overall spirit. I was really excited to see everyone's unique way of participating in homecoming."

KEISLIN MYERS-9



"A lot of people seemed pumped for the game this year. I think it was because they had a good time before the game when the Amazing Andrew Adair played and rocked the parking lot!"

DEREK SHELTON-11



"Too many people care about what others think of them. People just need to get out there and act a little crazy to support the team! It's so much more fun that way."

STEVEN BUCKIS-12



Photo by Samantha Haskins/Staff



The senior girls portray Portage and Michigan City players in a choreographed dance performed during the pep rally. They completed the dance routine by wearing matching shirts and bandanas to impress the crowd.

Like in the fall of 2000, Portage again took on the Wolves from Michigan City for homecoming, shutting them out with a final score of 34-0. Since it was the third shut out of the season, students, players, and fans had reason to celebrate the victory.

"I enjoyed all the festivities, but my favorite part of the week was dancing in the parking lot to the Amazing Andrew Adair!" stated junior Anna Rivera excitedly, "They totally rocked!"

For others, going to the game and being with friends during homecoming was the key to having a memorable time.

"I just enjoyed watching the game. Since it was so cold, everyone was huddled together in blankets. It was really cute!" stated junior Kara Lane.

So m e w h e r e , between all the school organized activities, students were able to find time to do their own thing.

"My friends and I started the Stevie Ray Gang on homecoming. It's a fan club for Steven Vaught!" explained junior Kyle Spurr.

Other students were just thrilled to get away from the boring monotony of everyday school life, making it a bit more exciting with

spirit days and games during lunch periods.

"Spirit this year seemed higher than last year," said sophomore Erica Sanetink, "I was surprised by how many people dressed up for spirit week."

Each person's homecoming experience is meaningful for various reasons. Just as every leaf is completely unique for all the rest.

"It was a great experience, especially for seniors," said senior football player Eric J. Smith, "Coming out of the football helmet gave me a little rush that I won't forget for a long time. It was something cool."

As leaves fell this past autumn, significant changes came around. Not only by means of the red and orange leaves that fell from trees and fluttered to the ground, as they do every year, but in additional activities that enriched homecoming, adding to past traditions at Portage, turning over a new leaf and beginning a new chapter for all.

TRYING THE to keep spirit alive

story by jennifer wilt and teri

harrington

Throughout the years, the Winter Homecoming has had the weaker crowd of supporters opposed to the fall festivities. This may be due to the fact that girls are playing the traditional boys' game, and it takes place inside the gym instead of outside.

Winter Homecoming was ruled out this year because last year it did not attract a large crowd. "Students and the administration feared that the small outcome from last year would blow over into 2003", explained east Assistant Principal S. Eric Floyd.

Last year, the Student Council at Large Team (SCAT), voted out the festivities of Winter Homecoming for this year's celebration.

National Honor Society, responsible for organizing Winter Homecoming, did not have any knowledge of the event's cancellation.

"After all the students' consideration and

planning, the SCAT team and I let them do it anyway," stated Floyd.

The question remains for next year, as well, if we will have it.

"It will come up for discussion next year, but this time we will definitely staple it down whether it is yes or no," explained Floyd.

The fate of Winter Homecoming was decided just days before it officially began.

The spirit week themes consisted of: Pajama Day, Salad Dressing Day, Twin Day, Tacky Tourist Day, and Red and White Day.

Spirit week was forgotten by the student body because of the snow day we had on Friday the week before.

Monday's outcome was frail, but the spirit progressed throughout the week.

During the halftime festivities, each nominee took their place on the court nervously anticipating announcement of the

Another nominee, senior Carrie Barnum, looks on as junior Elizabeth Selek, a member of National Honor Society, crowns senior Renee Grant. Junior Kara Lane chaired Winter Homecoming, with Selek

The Winter Homecoming winners were able to share their moments after the game at the dance. Each one of them gets to keep their crowns the National Honor Society bought for them to make them look even better



photo by Catherine Nimeth

With a friendly hug, seniors Renee Grant and Ryan Wring, congratulate each other. Wring was one of the captains for the football team. He also is a discus and shotput thrower for track.



"I never thought I was going to win. I was really surprised," explained McDonald. Other nominees included in this picture are juniors Christine Lozano and Rachael Cooper. The girls watched as McDonald was being crowned.

The Winter Homecoming winners congratulated each other with handshakes and smiles. Each winner lined up on the court for the crowd to acknowledge their new royal court members.

photo by Genevieve Nineth



something to SCREAM about

What was your favorite part about winning?



"The audience's reaction was my favorite part about winning. It made me feel really good about myself."

RYAN WEING-12



"The fact that nobody can call me a loser, because I got to dance with Niki Mac."

DANIEL MARTINEZ-11



My favorite part about winning was the shock inside and the feeling of not knowing I was going to win."

RENEE GRANT-12

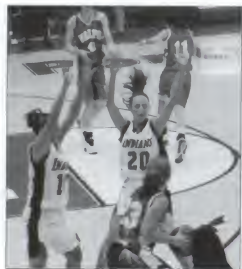


After Mr. Robert Kania announced the Winter Homecoming Queen, senior Renee Grant was filled with excitement. "I didn't think that I had a chance to win," replied Grant. She was also a nominee for Fall Homecoming.

Moments of joy fill the room with juniors Daniel Martinez and Nicole McDonald's smiles. Due to McDonald being on the varsity basketball team, she could not dress up like the others.

As her father escorts her down the court, senior Amy Engel smiles to the crowd with anticipation. Engel has been a member of the cheerleading team since her freshman year.

While waiting for the prince and princess winners to be announced, junior Christine Lozano shows off her trendy shoes. "I like being different. It's my thing and it defines people's personalities and character," stated Lozano.



As a teammate from Valparaiso tries to pass the ball, junior Nicole McDonald and sophomore Amy Samplawski try to block her from succeeding. Samplawski scored a total of 20 points throughout that game.

photo by Jennifer Wolf





Nominated for King in the Royal Court was senior student council member Jordan Chaddock. His opponents consisted of four other seniors boys: John Andrews, Kyle Sweeney, Kevin Wall, and, future king, Ryan Wring.

While trying to pass the ball, senior Carly Ristich is not intimidated by her Valparaiso opponent. What interests Ristich about basketball the most is the fact that it is always challenging and rewarding.



Photo by: Genevieve Nimeth

homecoming winners.

Even though the crowd's spirit was high, it did not help the varsity girls to overcome Valparaiso. The girls lost 43 to 65, but that did not stop junior Nicole McDonald, who won Princess, from having fun.

"I was completely surprised I won and even though we lost the basketball game, I was really excited to go to the dance and 'shake it' with Danny Martinez," said McDonald.

The other royalty winners were, junior Daniel Martinez for Prince, and seniors Ryan Wring and Renee Grant who won King and Queen.

"I was delightfully excited and dancing with Nicole was a dream come true for me,"

stated Martine.

Just being nominated was a shock for Grant.

"It is a great honor and I didn't expect that I would win. There are so many nice girls out there and I did not think people saw me in that way," explained Grant.

Wring was surprised as well by his nomination and victory.

"I thought it was a lost cause and I didn't understand why I was nominated, but all my friends said they were going to vote me."

So the question remains whether or not we will be having Winter Homecoming in the years to come.

Will they decide to not have it and take away the opportunities of the student body, or will the spirit be allowed to flourish in the cold Indiana winters?

something to SCREAM about

What was frustrating about the homecoming vote?



"We are not used to having so many people there so it made us really nervous. No matter what any of the other girls say, we were all nervous."

CHRISTINA KORNACKER-12



"The girls' shots just weren't falling in. It just was not going right for any of them."

MICAH TILFORD-10



"The girls looked like they were being really sluggish. They just weren't into it at all. Defense just wasn't working for them."

LIBA NILOFF-11



Photo by: Jennifer White

The crowd this year for Winter Homecoming improved in population from last year. There was much more spirit and enthusiasm. The audience observes as this year's 2003 royal court is announced.

Escorted by softball coach Jeffrey Smith, junior nominee Anna Rivera awaits the unveiling of the winner. Most of the princess contestants are friends with each other, so competition can seem tense between one another.

TALENT SHORT not in supply here

story by jennifer dennison

This year's fall production, *Welcome To The Monkeyhouse*, was unlike any other seen here.

The production consisted of several skits taken from the book of the same title by well known science fiction author Kurt Vonnegut. The skits ranged from the societal imperfections of the equal culture, a man with hidden talents, and a miracle product guaranteed to make you happy, to a loving band director whose life goal is to reach just one unreachable student.

The actors cast in this production had to come with the ability to change their emotions constantly and portray the seriousness of the characters they were playing.

For even the most seasoned thespian, this goal proved to be challenging, but attainable with the right mind set.

The fall play gave the talented individuals the opportunity to expand their acting skills by trying a genre not often attempted. The play will stick in the minds of all who came.



Euphio, the final skit of the fall production, told the story of those who became greedy and eventually paid for the greed. Junior Eric Michaels, listening to the miracle headphones, performed in two of the skits this year.

photo by Elizabeth Seale



Theatrical veteran and senior Lu Nguyen, who is best known for his outstanding supporting role in *The King and I*, graces the audience one more time in this year's fall play. Nguyen stretches his talent from a Siamese prince to a wacky inventor.

photo by Elizabeth Seale





photo by Elizabeth Seidl

Lead characters, senior Kevin Wall and sophomore Ashley Craft, show deep emotion in their skit. The actors had to set aside their more real life, comical personalities in order to perform their serious parts of the performance.

Comedic performer, senior Jordan Chaddock entertains the audience with his rendition of a Vonnegut character. Chaddock has made several appearances on the stage, and pleased the crowd yet again at the fall play.



photo by Elizabeth Seidl



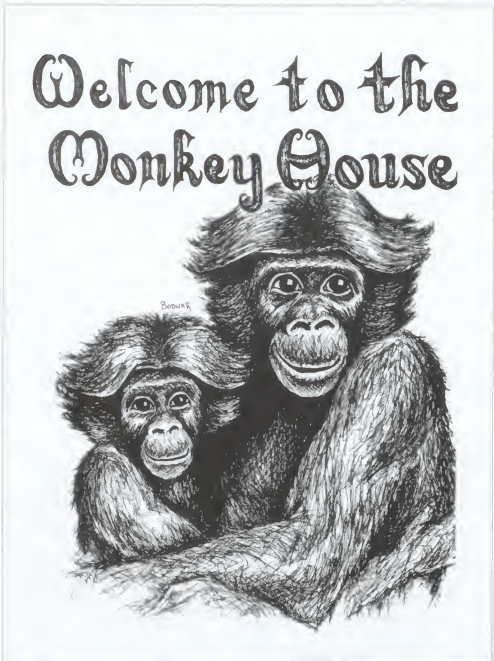
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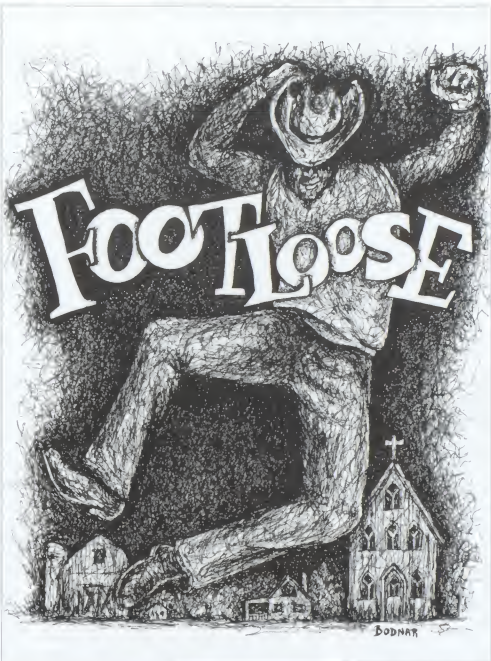


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A serious moment thrown into the mix for good color is acted out by junior Jessica Goldsmith. Goldsmith performed in the skit entitled Euphiv, about a miracle item guaranteed to make you happy and absolutely carefree.

As she plays to the crowd during the performance, senior Alexis Chaddock plays her part to perfection. Chaddock is no stranger to the stage, as she has appeared in many productions throughout her high school career.





art by Mr William Bodnar



Many of the cast members performed in the chorus section for the dance numbers in this year's spring production of *Footloose*. The musical's theme of dancing seemed to be contagious with actors literally dancing in the aisles.



Three of the supporting roles played by junior Emily Cliver, sophomore Brittany Banic, and freshman Alexandra Stewart sang and danced throughout the performance. Many times the three sang back up to the lead character.



As they pause for a moment in a friendly manner, seniors John Andrews, Zachary Knutsen, Christopher Nunley, and Kevin Wall, perform a comedic yet informative number about what their mothers know. The foursome was joined by fellow cast member senior Aaron Bloomfield.

Leading roles were one of a kind! performances for this year's musical. Sophomore Amanda Morales portrayed Ariel in her fourth high school performance and senior Mark Kitchen presented Ren in his second and final musical for the well respected Portage High School drama department.



Auditorium director Mr. Joe Stevens wanders about making sure that everything is going according to plan. An event as large as the Spring Musical takes a lot of effort and planning on behalf of, not only the students, but staff as well.

As they all line up to take the well-deserved bow, seniors Alexis Chaddock, Jordan Chaddock, and Victoria Velez prepare to leave the stage one last time. The spring production will be the last for the seniors at Portage.

KICK SUNDAY off your shoes!

story by tefi harrington

This year's more contemporary production, *Footloose*, was a huge hit among the community.

The play was originally written by Dean Pitchford for the stage, but was made into the popular 80's movie first, starring Kevin Bacon, Lori Singer, and John Lithgow.

The story tells the tale of a city boy and his mother who move to a small town and he falls in love with the minister's daughter.

The lead role of Ariel was played by sophomore Amanda Morales in her second high school singing and acting performance, but fourth all together.

"The musical this year was a lot of work and practices took up most of my time, day and night, but it was all very much worth it on Friday night," stated Morales.

Dress rehearsal was pushed back to the day of the play because of a power outage that occurred during school that afternoon.

"Don't worry it will be fine. We'll end up waiting until 10 o'clock at night if we have to," stated senior Jordan Chaddock on when practice the night before would take place.

After the minds of the actors and directors were cleared of panic the show did indeed go on to three successful shows.



As they walk up to the front of the stage to bid farewell to the audience, freshman Alexandra Stewart and senior Aaron Bloomfield display their more comedic sides. Both had starring roles in the musical performance.

PROM

*TO is one night,
story by meredith mcloed
remember*

Prom is always an event that is reasonably unforgettable. Seniors and juniors (plus a few underclassmen) enjoyed the bliss that the night brought on Friday, May 2nd.

"My favorite part of prom was spreading my funk with all my best friends," comments junior Eric Michaels.

Even though you have to be a senior or a junior to have the privilege to buy a ticket, some freshmen and sophomores go with their friends or even with their significant other. Prom is always an event to never forget.

"I was just a sophomore going to prom, but I really had a

lot of fun. A lot of other sophomores went and I knew some upperclassmen, so it was fine," says sophomore Trisha Sebocik.

Prom isn't just a formal dinner and dance, it is a weekend experience. Whether it was going to the opening of Six Flags or just going to the Zoo, most students took advantage of the day after prom.

"After prom we went to a Sox's game. We had a lot of fun the day," states junior Steve Vaught.

Around 10 o'clock, it became time to announce who was Prince, Princess, King, and the Queen were going to be. Seniors



On his last few weeks left of school, Senior Nathan Stokes enjoys the night with his date, sophomore Kristin Fedor, at prom. Stokes creates his own dance while dancing to the classic 80's hit, "Beat It" by Michael Jackson

Instead of enjoying the night by slow dancing, juniors Vincent Nygra and Stephanie Bortoff dance to the John Mellencamp song "Wild Nights." Bortoff shows off her infectious grooves to her prom date and boyfriend Nygra.



photo by Meredith McLeod



Before the start of prom, each couple enters for the camera and are announced by journalism teacher Mr. Mark J. Karmel. Sophomore Andrew Dranchak and junior Kandice Nugent laugh as they hear their names over the speakers.

With a moment alone, seniors Christopher Hopper and Deanna Perez dance to a slow song at their last prom of high school. Students spend time socializing, dancing and taking pictures with friends that have known most of their lives.



photo by Meredith McLeod

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The honor of being crowned prom prince and princess goes to juniors Margaret Sablin and Jeremy Gorden. It has been a long standing tradition that the junior and senior classes vote on their lunch hours for their choice of prom royalty.

As the evening wears on and the last few songs are being played, seniors Joshua Wargo and Tiffany Makenley enjoy one of the last slow songs of the evening. Slow dancing was a favorite of the crowd.

The king and queen, Matthew Fejes and Rebecca Wynn, share their moment together dancing to 'I Will Remember You', by Sarah McLachlan. Fejes showed off his slick sunglasses as the two smile for the camera

Photo by Jennifer Wilt

While enroute the evening, senior Douglas Reynolds and junior Beatrice Zamarron smile at one another while slow dancing. "The next day we went to Chicago to go to the Sears Tower and watched the sunset together," explained Zamarron.



Long time couple, senior Erik Kreever and junior Kimberly Stafford get their groove on during a fast song. "We took advantage of prom and made sure we had a lot of fun together," stated Stafford.

Photo by Jennifer Wilt



Photo by Jennifer Wilt

In celebration of prom, best friends, seniors Richard Diaz and Matthew Hinton, brought along prom dates from Valparaiso. "I always said that I wouldn't go to prom. But I'm glad I did, because I had a lot of fun," explained Hinton.

Foreign exchange students like senior Jelazko Mirchev and junior Agnes Gazdag show their cultural background. "It was really wonderful and I was so nervous. We don't have any dances back in Hungary," explained Gazdag.

Photo by Jennifer Wilt





photos by Meredith McLeod

Rebecca Wyatt and Matthew Fejes were crowned as the Queen and King that night also. Juniors Margaret Sabin and Jeremy Gorden were crowned that night as Princess and Prince. In order to be crowned as prom royalty, students have to be voted by their peers prior to the night of prom.

About an hour later, the infamous garter ceremony took place. The garter ceremony is a tradition that they do at every prom, every year.

"At my old school they didn't have anything called a garter ceremony," states junior Daniel Bloomfield. "It was a little bit of a surprise to me, but it also was really cool experience for me."

Prom is a night to remember for all students. Whether it be that they won a limousine ride to prom, went to Six Flags after prom, or just enjoyed the night while dancing, prom is one night that the students probably will never forget.



photo by Jennifer Wile



photos by Jennifer Wile

Well aware of ditching their dates, senior friends take time to dance with one another. Senior Patricia DeBord sings along to Cyndi Lauper's 'Girls Just Wanna Have Fun' with her friends Carrie Barnum, Amanda Diaz, and Elizabeth Cooper.

Before the king and queen were announced, Footloose cast members shake it on the dance floor. Senior Christopher Nunley shows off his gymnastic skills by doing a backflip with the help of a senior Christopher Hopper.

As Mr. Mark J. Karmel announces their names, sophomore Marissa Wright and senior Christopher Boyer make their grand entrance. Both joined their friends and fellow classmates in dancing and dinner later that evening.

When in doubt, asking a close friend to prom is the next best thing. Sophomore Heather Markswell accepted junior Nicholas Serrano's invitation at the last minute. Even with the older crowd, the underclassmen can still have fun.



Photo by Meredith McLeod



Photo by Jennifer Wilt

To entertain the crowd, senior Daniel Doving sings an original song. Before his performance though, he mentioned that Mr. Bryan Lochmondy told him that he had a better chance of winning the lottery than getting a record deal.





Photo by Jennifer Wilt



Photo by Kelley Yodt

Some items served at prom consisted of roast beef, noodles, and chicken. Students waited anxiously in line to pick out their tasty dinner and pig out on their food before the dancing began and the night officially started.

It's electric! The infamous 'Electric Slide' was danced to at prom along with the 'Cha-Cha-Slide, and the 'Chicken Dance.' While line dancing and singing the lyrics, students kept in sync with each other throughout the dance.



Photo by Jennifer Wilt



Photo by Jennifer Wilt

something to SCREAM about

What did you like about the garter ceremony?



"I enjoyed watching my friends lustfully take their garter belts from their dates' supple thighs with their teeth, while I joyfully and passionately hooted and hollered."

CHRISTOPHER NUNLEY-12



"Watching my friend Eric Berry take his girlfriend Andria Najars' garter off with his teeth. It was hilarious."

ERICA SANETZNIK-10



"The garter ceremony was absolutely delightful because I was permitted to remove the garter with my own teeth."

JORDAN CHADDOCK-12

Hat and all, junior Terry Krajelska walks to get his date to help him out in dancing to the ever so popular ballad 'My Heart Will Go On.' The hit song gave couples a few minutes to take some time to spend a dance with their date.

Before the dancing began, juniors Dalena Ruggen and Geoffrey Kalliani prepare for a night of fun. Both joined their friends on the dance floor and awaited what the night may bring.

After dinner junior Stephanie Satka and senior Charles Riley danced to a song by 50 cent entitled 'In Da Club.' Like always, every couple or friends enjoy what the night offers during prom.



photos by Jennifer Witt



photos by Kaitlyn Yude

After dancing to some of the night's fast songs, senior Alfred Cruz takes some time out to bust a move with junior Jessica Medina. Both moved to the hit song 'Greased Lightning' from the hit movie Grease. Cruz and Medina showed off their 'Travolta' moves together.



photos by Meredith McLeod

Before the garter ceremony, sophomore Ashley Mazur and her boyfriend take one last dance. The garter ceremony started at about eleven o'clock that night.



photo by Meredith McLeod

Long time couple, seniors Kyle Sonaty and Danielle Moore take a breather, striking a pose. They, like many, used prom as an opportunity to celebrate their relationship and friendships they have formed with others over the years.

While dancing to the famous chicken dance, juniors Ashley Oliver and Jennifer Satter link together and are ready for a spin. Both girls joined the rest of their fellow students at prom to dance this wonderful and fun dance.



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photo by Meredith McLeod



Together, junior Susan Doane and senior Jonathon Ziulkowski slow dance, freezing a moment in time to savor. As they embrace each other passionately, the couple appreciates one of their last carefree evenings of high school before graduation changes everything for them.

Even though the spring musical was over and done with, senior Eric A. Smith and senior Tessa Emmart show off some of their grooves from their dance scene. Both were in the musical, and helped the musical turn out to be a great performance.

Variety, *talent* displayed in

story by Kyle Telechan

The Variety Show, a showcase of talent held every year, relies not on competition, but the integration of many types of acts blended into one single show.

This year, the true meaning of variety shined in almost every act. Many old acts returned to the stage, and new acts were abound as well. Japan Buys Our Babies reappeared this year combined with the Amazing Andrew Adair Trio to make The Amazing Japan Buys our Andrews. They opened the ceremonies with a bang, even inciting a portion of the front row to stand up and dance.

The Juggling Fanatic, Tom Misch also returned, adding the extra flair of flaming juggling clubs to his act. The Bitchin' Ballerinas were seen again as well, showing off their choreography, as well as their bodies clad in tights and frill.

A surprisingly large number of dancing acts were interspersed between acts, but the energy displayed in them kept the show running along smoothly. An amount of stunning vocal performance completed this plethora of talent, including many solo performers and singer, along with male and female barbershop quartets.



photo by Kyle Telechan



photo by Kyle Telechan

With his inspiring and emotional lyrics, senior Andrew Thomas plays and sings one of his own compositions. Thomas has been playing guitar and writing songs since the beginning of high school.

One of the barbershop quartets, composed of junior Daniel Castro and seniors Christopher Boyer, Aaron Bloomfield, and Adam Gardner, sang the classic song, 'Good Night Sweetheart'. All went on to have roles in the spring musical.

photo by Kyle Telechan



photo by Katie Telechan

With a mix of interpretive comedy and rock music, sophomores Michael Thurber and Christopher Bolint perform in the Amazing Japan Buys Our Andrews. This incredible mix of humor and talent also included sophomore Andrew Adair

With a huge amount of energy and a hint of nerve, junior Jessica Coros recreates Avril Lavigne's pop hit "Complicated" in song. She played Irene, a singing role, in the spring play "Footloose" along with many other talent show participants.

photo by Katie Telechan



something to SCREAM about

Did you run into any trouble during your act?



There were a trillion hardships, but after we worked them all out, it turned out to be a smokin' production. I was so excited my legs exploded.

ANDREW ADAIR-10



The microphone didn't come on at first, so I felt like I was talking to myself when I started. The spotlight was blinding me a bit as well.

MARK KITCHEN-12



"No way, everything went smooth like butta. We didn't run into any problems at all, everything rocked."

JORDAN GHADDOCK-12

photo by Katie Telechan



photo by Katie Telechan



With inspiration, junior Karen Villacin created her own dance to go along with Universal Nizoon, a song mixed by Milk Incorporated. Surprisingly, she has not had any formal dance training, but she has been learning how to dance since she was a small child.

In almost perfect unison, seniors Vido Ivanovic, Tabatha Tachik, Lisa Tanner, Aaron Bloomfield, Rebecca Bradford, and Alex Espinoza dance in perfect unison to "Like I Love You", by Justin Timberlake.



The 'Juggling Fanatic', senior Thomas Misch appears on stage yet again with a step up from last year's performance. Not only did he juggle knives, but Mr. Stevens allowed Misch to finally juggle with fire on the auditorium stage.



photo by Kyle Leckman

One of the most energetic performances of the night was performed by Drawing A Blank. Not surprisingly, the name was composed when they were asked what they wanted their band to be introduced as and they drew a blank, therefore finding their name.

photo by Elizabeth Seifick



photo by Kyle Telechan

In an ongoing tradition, the Bitchin' Ballerinas, senior boys tout their riffs and prance about the stage gracefully, or not so gracefully. This year's performance was skillfully choreographed and well thought out, making for a good performance.

With flowing fingers and a talented voice, former American Idol contestant, senior Mark Kitchen performs two self composed songs on the piano. As well as appearing on TV, Mark has accompanied many people in song.

photo by Kyle Telechan



photo by Kyle Telechan



photo by Kyle Telechan

A female version of the barbershop quartet composed of seniors Patricia Hatfield and Victoria Velez, junior Emily Cliver, and freshman Alexandra Stewart sings 'I Don't Want To Walk Without You'. They are all currently in members of the Choraliers.

With unparalleled emotion, sophomore Amanda Morales sings 'I Dreamed a Dream' with as much beauty and grace that is presented in the original musical Les Miserables. Her prominent stage presence and strong voice made for a good performance.

photo by Kyle Telechan



In an innovative and creative performance, Michelle Juszcak creates her own dance to the Christina Aguilera song 'Fighter' fittingly enough, she came on stage with a pair of sparring gloves and even incorporated a fighting style into her dance.

In a performance warranting a standing ovation, seniors John Andrews, Kevin Wall, and Christopher Hopper perform 'Come on Feel the Noize' by 80's heavy metal sensation Quiet Riot. The Riot have been known to play often at a local bar in South Haven.

The behind the back guitar trick, as performed by sophomore Kyle DeVaney. Although only a cardboard ax, performing this feat is a great accomplishment in flexibility, body language, and talent. The skill it takes to perform the maneuver is sought after by many.

photo by Kyle Telechan



photo by Kyle Telechan



The traditional host of Airband, Mr. Bodnar, alters his attitude for a great presentation and introduction of all of the participants in the event. His alter-ego is lovingly known as 'Mad Dog,' and appears every year for the hip syncing festivities.

Their attempt at being Scottish was appreciated. The unlikely combination of kilts and rollerskates were combined with a positive result. They performed 'Kings of Oblivion' by Seven Nations, all the while, gliding across stage.

photo by Kyle Telechan



Something "Sync" To About

story by Kyle Telechan

Airband, as always, was an incredibly animated school event.

This year, it was just as highly anticipated as the Variety Show. One could argue that it was just as interesting. In all, there were over 20 acts and one surprise encore.

Artists lip syncs included parody master Weird Al, washed up 80's bands Quiet Riot and Twisted Sister, boy band of the past New Kids on the Block, the many styles of Madonna, The B-52's, classic Queen, and even some Kris Kross.

The opening act consisted of a group dressed in Star Wars attire singing a parody of "American Pie" spaceman style.

Many other acts followed, including a vigorously performed

Scottish themed lip sync where the girls donned kilts and rollerskates; a menagerie of music styles blended together by a group of guys taking us from The Temptations to modern rap; and a dance routine to Justin Timberlake's hit song, "Cry Me a River".

Later, Barbie Girl was reenacted with a vigor that surpassed many professional acts considering the song performed. Last on stage was a long awaited encore consisting of a group of guys-gone-girls performing "Moulin Rouge", which like the year before, received a standing ovation.

In the end, even through all of the acts, the spirit of Airband never faded away or grew old. The tradition of Airband will live on.



AARON BLOOMFIELD-12

CORY MONNIER-12

BRIE HETRICK-10

The knowledge of the force runs strong in this wise child's blood as he reenacts Weird Al's "The Saga Begins", a parody of "American Pie". Dressed in their Jedi gear, the crew played and acted along with their self created drum set and guitar.

something to SCREAM about

Were you nervous during your act?

"No, I wasn't. I've participated in five plays, so I'm used to being on stage in front of all those people."

"No, not at all. Any time I get in woman's clothing, I just absolutely come alive! You're not gonna tell my Dad, are you?"

"I'm used to performing because I have dance competitions, but yes, I was nervous because it's different when your audience includes your peers."

Before the show, sophomore Kyle DeVaney, junior Donald Catlin, and seniors Eric J. Smith, Ryan Wring, and Steven Budkis strike a final pose for the camera before going backstage and preparing for their Van Halen act



photos by Elizabeth Selek



photo by Kyle Telechan

It's time for Jordan Chaddock to show off his 'bling-bling' in the Mr. Roboto meets Kriss Kross performance. Even though the tape was sped up accidentally, the whole group accommodated with faster dance moves and lip syncing

It takes two to tango, and six to faithfully recreate few of the many personas Madonna has gone through in all of her career. Here, sophomore Jeremy Bucy and senior Dawn Hood depict the "Maternal Girl" side of the queen of pop music

photos by Kyle Telechan



photo by Kyle Teichman

Not as feminine as they appear, seniors Kyle Sweeney, Christopher Nunley, Cory Monner, and Jordan Chaddox recreate 'Moulin Rouge' in an encore of last year's great routine. They received a standing ovation for their entertaining performance.

In many of the school productions, more work takes place backstage than what most people see on stage. Makeup, lights, practice and much more. Here, junior Nicole Wilcox applies her makeup in a mirror before her performance.

photo by Samantha Hoopingamer



photo by Kyle Teichman



photo by Kyle Teichman

In perhaps the most frightening act for all of the males in the audience, these girls gathered together to perform the seductive 'Cell Block Tango'. The song and dance routine was inspired by the Oscar winning, play turned movie 'Chicago'.

These girls take us back to the 80's with their performance of the B-52's 'Love Shack'. They created a set, dressed to the time, and even had some choreography to go along with the song. Here, seniors Renee Grant and Jessica Sosa strut their stuff.

It's Boy a country thang

story by victoria velez

Put together all kinds of cowboy hats, a huge Texas belt buckle, and the twang of a guitar all on the same stage. What's the outcome? The 2003 Outstanding Young Man program!

In this year's program, 36 senior boys came together to impress the judges, wow the crowd and have the time of their life while meeting new people and forming new friendships.

Most of the boys who participate do so because they hear that it is fun, that there are great scholarship opportunities, and that it is a great opportunity to get onto the Portage High School stage.

Many of the participants have been on the stage before this

program, and this year, they were allowed to show their talents to the audience and judges just for fun. The boys were not judged on the entertainment portion of the night.

The first group of boys to perform was half of the original boys barbershop singing the barbershop version of "Goodnight Sweetheart." Next up was a band of boys playing the song "That Thing You Do." After the musical performances, several boys recited monologues from previous plays and musicals they had been in.

There isn't a contestant that can say that his experience on the stage was anything less than a great and everlasting memories of the night.

The cowboy hats were a big part of the Country meets Blues' theme this year; every participant had to bring a hat of their own. Senior Brandon Bowman proudly holds his hat up as he waits for his cue to join the other participants and begin

While posing for a local newspaper photographer, senior Christopher Nunley sports his cowboy hat and finger guns. The cowboy theme was portrayed extremely well on Nunley because of his unusually large Texas belt buckle



Photo by Meredith McLeod



Photo by Victoria Velez

something to SCREAM about

What do you wish you could have changed about your performance in front of the judges?



"I wish I would have smiled more, and shown more skin."

RICHARD COLLINS - 12



"I think that I did my best for that particular night, and I can't ask for anything better."

MICHAEL KANE - 12



"I wish I would have made more eye contact with the audience and the judges."

KEVIN WALL - 12

Moments before being called to the stage, seniors Cory Monnier, Miroslav Debras, Michael Pankowski, Aaron Bloomfield, and Michael Kane discuss the upcoming performance of Outstanding Young Man, excitedly looking forward to the night's events



Photo by Samantha Leppengruber

Once his name was called, senior John Andrews took his place next to Outstanding Young Man of 2002, Adam Ritter, and runner up for this year's Outstanding Young Man, senior Kyle Sweeney. It's a country boy's dream come true.

At intermission, the boys took a break from the spotlight and gathered back stage for a large group shot. Before getting into place, senior Cuyler Simmons showed the photographers a special pose to the audience and judges.

photo by Victoria Velaz

photo by Meredith McLeod



One of the most enjoyable events of the evening is the physical segment. Seniors Tu Nguyen and Jordan Chaddock tough it out even when the fatigue starts to show on their faces.

This year, the program made time for the boys to perform for their audience. Senior Nicholas Kainich plays drums in a band put together for that night, also consisting of seniors Andrew Maletta, Eric A. Smith, Jordan Chaddock, and Michael Kane.



photo by Victoria Velez



photo by Victoria Velez

Each night, the contestants have a different performance to give including fitness, pose, and talent. Junior Susan Dean quickly applies the appropriate makeup for her talent which was a monologue from the Anne Frank story.

As a way to calm their nerves, seniors Zachary Knutson and Christopher Nuxley, along with the rest of the participants, gather in the commons before the curtain opens each night. CVM has a final night and a preliminary night that is only open to the judges.

photo by Victoria Velez





Photo by Victoria Adams



Photo by Victoria Adams

The participants of Junior Miss spend about a week preparing for pose, talent and fitness, and each segment requires a different costume. The girls all gather on stage at the conclusion of the third preliminary night in order to receive talent, pose, fitness, and several other miscellaneous awards.

Along with several other talent acts the night of JWM, seniors Adam Garner and Aaron Bloomfield performed a barbershop version of "Goodnight Sweetheart." The original barbershop consisted of two other members who did not perform with Garner and Bloomfield.

One of the hardest decisions the contestants has to make is what they will do for the talent portion of the evenings. Junior Emily Chisler sang the operatic "Garden Song" she would choose to perform. This decision rewarded Chisler with one of the talent awards and helped her win become first runner-up.



After the names were called, juniors Emily Cliver, who was first runner up, and Kara Lane, who was the 2003 Junior Miss met on the stage to congratulate each other.

Cliver and Lane exchange deserving comments and Cliver wishes Lane 'good luck' at final.

On the night of finals, the chosen contestants have to perform every aspect of the program again. Each contestant does their talent, pose, and fitness once again for the judges. The finalists give their best smiles and all of their energy as they perform the fitness routine.





Even though Junior Miss is said to be fun, there are many moments of doubt and worry. Elizabeth Dilts waits backstage and repeatedly thinks over her dialogue as she waits for her cue. Dilts performed a monologue on Wonder Woman and played the part.

something to SCREAM about

What thoughts were going through your mind when the finalists' names were being called?



"I was thinking, Please pick Emily Cliver! I really thought she deserved to win and I was so happy for her when her name was called as a finalist and as the first runner up."

JADE MARTINEZ - 11



"I think that everything about freshman year was scary. You didn't know what to expect so everything terrified me, especially upper classmen."

TABITHA SCHUSTER - 11



"There was so much adrenaline that night, my mind just went blank. I couldn't think; I was so excited, but I was really happy for the girls when I heard their names being called out."

SAMANTHA LIRA - 11

Mama Here mia! we go again

story by victoria velez

Every year, Portage High School hosts the Junior Miss scholarship program with a little bit of flair and a whole lot of talent. The theme for this year's program was the musical 'Mama Mia!' which was based on the music by the pop sensation ABBA. Only the music used, if any, for the contestants' talents was not originally by ABBA. All other aspects, such as the opening number, poise, physical fitness, and all conversational introductions used the Swedish pop band's music. Junior Miss begins with three preliminary nights where the contestants

perform a talent, a poise routine, and a fitness routine. Each girl gives her all because on the finals night, only twelve of them will be chosen as finalists to perform again. Finally, once the names have been called and various awards have been presented, the finalists and two contestants who were not chosen as finalists all prepare for the night's performances. Once all of the finalists and the two non-finalist talents have been performed, it is time for the winning names to be called. The 2003 Junior Miss was named as Kara Lane and her first runner up was named as Emily Cliver.

Several contestants recited monologues for their talents, and a few girls (including Dilts and others) wrote their own. Elizabeth Sefek's talent wowed the judges not only because she recited her monologue well, but also because it was her very own work.

As the third preliminary night comes to a conclusion, awards for poise, talent, fitness, and several others are presented. Juniors Susan Doua, Ashley Biggs, and Tara Demaria proudly accept the award for fitness and the immense amount of applause that accompanies all of the awards given out for Junior Miss.

ANOTHER GONE^{year}

story by Ashley Villa
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To most people, graduating midterm seems like the students are missing out on a lot, especially since it is their senior year.

The 2003 class had their commencement held in the east gymnasium on January 26th. The ceremony began with the orchestra playing the traditional songs.

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Excitement filled the air as the graduates patiently listened to Principal Richard

Kirchner give the final speech of their high school careers.

This was one of the largest classes to ever graduate midterm with the largest percentage of students to graduate with honors and Core 40 diplomas.

Senior class president Kevin Wall and class of 1965 graduate Tom Reynolds addressed the graduates.

Whether getting a head start of future plans, working towards full time employment, or just impatient to get out of high school, the midterm graduation ceremony is quickly becoming a tradition among the graduates.



Among the front row, graduates Steven Ayala, Nicole Ayala, and Tara Allsbury watch in the front row as the rest of their classmates receive their diploma. After the ceremony, the graduates go to the commons and take pictures with their friends.

Traditionally, seniors Ronald Blaney and Steven Barlow, as well as the rest of the senior class, turn their tassels after everyone has gotten their diploma. This is a proud time for the graduate as it symbolizes the entrance into adulthood.

photo by Kathryn Haglund



something to SCREAM about

What have you been doing now that you've graduated?



I've been working at Town and Country, visited Vincennes University in the spring, and I am going there this fall to pursue my law enforcement career.

JACOB VILLA-12



I am going to PNC and working at Shoop's. During my free time, I go shopping and I sleep in when I can.

MEGAN MCGLOTHLEN-12

Photo by Kathryn Hagdale

Anxiously awaiting to receive their diplomas, seniors Cale Bolinger, Phoebe Renda, Michael Budny, Kurt Buhning, and Anthony Bukowacz in anticipation of the big moment. Twelve years of accomplishment have finally arrived.

Beside the typical advice given to the graduates, class president Kevin Wall encourages the seniors to think of the spring graduates when they are all sleeping in. Winter graduates are still allowed to participate in spring activities.

Photo by Kathryn Hagdale



Photo by Genevieve Nimeth



Despite the excitement of entering the real world, the seniors wait patiently to receive their hard earned diplomas. As the last few minutes pass, students reminisce about their most precious high school memories.

Some of the senior girls are waiting to enter the gymnasium for the graduation ceremony attended by their family and friends. The mid-term class of 2003 had the highest percentage of students to graduate with honors.

The graduates begin the ceremony by listening to the wonderful speeches given by their fellow classmates. The students reminisce in their minds about the end of their high school career while they wait to receive their diploma

While seniors Amanda Isaac and Christopher Hopper stand in line to receive their diploma by school superintendent, Dr. McKay, they have it set in their mind that they are finally done with school and are going to college



photo by Elizabeth Seale



photo by Elizabeth Seale

something to SCREAM about

What will you miss the most about high school?



"I will miss having the teachers help and the advice they gave me, along with my friends and coming to school in the morning"

DALE VEATCH-12



"Having the opportunity to meet different people. Its harder to meet new people when your not in high school anymore."

ERIKA JOHNSON-12



"Sleeping during class time, long hours of studying the day before a test with my friends, and walking up the monstrous staircase."

AARON JENNINGS-12



Proudly speaking to the rest of her fellow classmates, Valedictorian Richelle Alcantara talks to everyone about following your dreams when they leave high school. She will miss the rest of her classmates, along with her close friends

After the graduation, all of the students along with family and friends, meet up in the commons to take pictures of each other, along with saying there good-byes. The seniors enjoyed all the attention that they receive from everyone



Photo by Elizabeth Seale

As seniors Valerie Comerford, Ashley Davich, and Robin Dunn wait to receive their diploma, they listen to the speeches given by their class president, valedictorian, and salutatorian. The students pictured here have graduated with honors.

The entire senior class, along with the audience, make a standing ovation while the national anthem is being sung by freshman Allison Stewart. The seniors along with everyone hold their hand over their chest during the song.

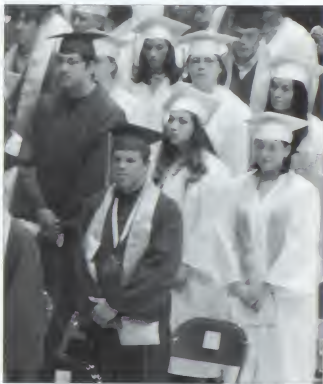


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GOODBYE CLASS to the of 2003

story by Ashley Villa

The 30th of May was a day the seniors were looking forward to since the beginning of their high school career. The excitement of family and friends of the graduates filled the gymnasium, along with tears, laughs, and cries as the seniors reminisce about the memories with their friends.

The ceremony began at 7:30 as valedictorian Richelle Alcantara spoke to the students about following their dreams, along with salutatorian Tu Nugen who spoke about life being related as a play. Class president Kevin Wall talked about the top five things that he will miss

the most about high school.

Many of the students will be attending college in the fall.

Senior Biljana Jasnic states, "I am going to Valparaiso University to pursue a career as either a pediatrician or a dermatologist."

While the rest of the students will begin their life by getting a job and stay in the area or move away.

Even though the senior class will be excited about graduating, along with having the rest of their lives ahead of them, I'm sure none of them will ever forget their years they have had at Portage High School.



let's FACE it



everybody starts off as a freshman and works his way up to the top through the four years. being new to the school exposes them to many new experiences and privileges. into the

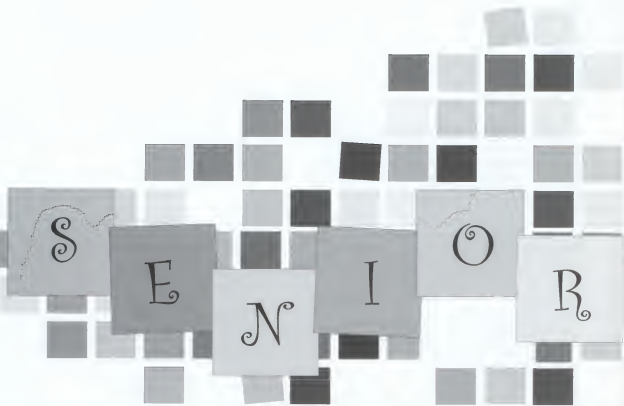
second year as sophomores, they learn the hallways of the east building and can now feast on incredible cuisines along with the upperclassmen. becoming a junior allows for more freedom and the



responsibilities of finally driving to school and planning the ever important prom. seniors spend their time enjoying the fruits of their four years and planning their futures. the years at phs, make the students better



people and ready for the real world - let's FACE it.



Lindsay Abram

Baseball 9,20,11,12, Cross Country 9,10,11,12, Track 9,10,11,12, FLHS 10, NHS 12, Student Council 12, Academic Honors 11,12

Richelle Alcantara

Swimming 9,10, Track 9, Volleyball 9,10, ACES 12, Air Band 11, Concert Choir 9, FLHS 10,11,12, Jr. Miss 12, Latin Club 11,12, Multicultural Club 12, Natural Helpers 11,12, NHS 11,12, Religious Youth Group 9,10,11, SCAT 10,11, Spring Musical 11, Student Council 9,10,11,12, Carboard Box Regatta 11,12, NHS Secretary 12, Student Council Vice President 12, Class Officer 9,10,11, Valedictorian, Natural Helpers Staff

Tara Allsbury

John Andrews

Golf 9,11, Soccer 9,10,11,12, Air Band 12, Natural Helpers 11,12, OYM 12, Spring Musical 12, Student Council 9,10,11,12, Variety Show 12, Academic Letter Winner 10,11, Academic Allstate Team 11,12, OYM Winner, Staff Natural Helper, Honored by Rotary Club 12

Jessica Arellano

Caitlin Austgen

Nicole Ayala

Steven Ayala

Hockey 10

Sylviana Baccarelli

ACES 12, Fall Play 10, Foreign Language Clubs 9,10,11,12, Jr. Miss 11, Knowledge Master 9,10, Latin Club 9,10,11,12, NHS 11,12, Spell Bowl 9,10, Spring Musical 10, Student Council 9,10,11,12, Girls State Delegate, Exchange Club Student of the Year, Academic Letter 11,12

Lauren Bailey

Natural Helpers 11, NHS 12, Spring Musical 11, Symphonic Choir 9,10,11,12, Youth Alive 9, Symphonic Choir Treasurer 10

Carrie Barnum

Soccer 9,10,11, Tennis 9,10,11,12, Air Band 11,12, Concert Orchestra 9, Latin Club 12, Natural Helpers 12, NHS 11,12, Student Council 9,10,11,12, Symphonic Strings 11, Honor Society Treasurer 12, Student Council Secretary 12, Ski Club

Eric Berry

Cross Country 9, Football 10, Diving 9,10,11,12, Track 9,10,11,12, Most Valuable Diver 10,11,12, Diving State Qualifier 12, Track Captain

Danilo Billy

Ron Blaney

Basketball 9,10, Football 9,10, Natural Helpers 11,12, Natural Helpers Staff 12

Trent Bolin





Ebone Bonds

Brandon Bowman

Christopher Boyer

Choraleers II, 12, OYM 12, Spring Musical II

Symphonic Choir II, 12, Variety Show II, 12, President of

Choraleers, President of Symphonic Choir

Rebecca Bradford

Sarah Brown

Basketball 9, Soccer 9, 10, Concert Choir 9, 11, Girls Glee 11
11, LRE Peer Tutor 12, Symphonic Choir 12

Anthony Bukovac

Jonathan Burchuk

Michael Burdett

Christopher Bush

ACFS 12, Decathlon II, 12, FLHS 10, Knowledge Master 9,

10, 11, 12, NHS 12, Quiz Bowl 10, 12, Spell Bowl 9, 10, 11, 12,

Student Court 12, Super Bowl 9, 10, 11, 12, Chief Justice of

Student Court, Indiana 1st Place Area Decathlon, Indiana 1st

Place State Decathlon

Justin Butera

Matthew Caldwell

David Canery

Michelle Renee Carns

Gymnastics 9, 10, Track 10, 11, Concert Orchestra 9, 10, 11,

12, Fall Play 12, FLHS II, 12, Jr. Miss 12, Pow Wow 11, 12,

Quill and Scroll II, 12, Student Council 12, Director's Award

= Orchestra, Gymnastics Manager II

Christopher Casson

Alexis Chaddock

Golf 9, Swimming 9, Fall Play II, 12, FLHS 10, Jr. Miss 12,

Latin Club 10, 11, 12, Natural Helpers II, 12, NHS 11, 12,

Spell Bowl 10, Spring Musical 10, 11, 12, Student Council 9,

10, 11, 12, Thespians 10, 11, 12, Natural Helpers Staff 12

Jordan Andrew Chaddock

ACES 12, Air Band II, 12, Concert Band 9, Fall Play II, 12,

FLHS 10, Jazz Band 9, 11, Latin Club II, 12, Natural Helpers

II, NHS 11, 12, OYM 12, Quiz Bowl 9, 10, 11, 12, Spring

Musical 12, Student Council 9, 10, 11, 12, Thespians 11, 12,

Varsity Show 12, Class President 9

Lindsey Chamberlain

Kristina Childress

Concert Choir 9, Girls Glee 9, 10, 11, 12, SADD STOP 10,

Foreign Language Honor Society, Solo and Ensemble 10, 11

Michelle Circione

Golf II, Soccer 9, 10, Track 9, 10, 11

Adam Clough

Concert Choir 9, 10, E Club 9, 10, 11, 12, OYM 12, Spring

Musical 9, 10, 11, 12, Student Council 9, 10, SADD STOP

Vice President 10, 11, 12, Manager of Basketball 10, 11, 12,

Vocational Honor Society 12 - Early Childhood Education

Jason Clowers

Sarah Cohen

Athletic Trainer 10, Wrestling 9, 10, 11, 12, ACES 12, FLHS

II, LRE Peer Tutors 9, 10, 11, Natural Helpers 12, NHS 12,

World Affairs Seminar II, Varsity Wrestling Statistician 9,

10, 11, 12, Football Manager 9

Jessie Cole

Basketball 9, Softball 9, 10, 11, 12, Air Band 12

Richard Collins Jr.

Ryan Colville

Scott Cobille

Valerie Comerford

FLHS 10, Symphonic Band 10, Lab Band 9, Academic Hall of

Fame

Michelle Conn

Concert Choir 9, Legend 10, 11, Multicultural Club 12, Spell

Bowl 12

Ingrid Conover

Hockey 9, 10, Swimming 9, 10, 11, 12, Track 9, LRE Peer

Tutors 9, 10, 11, Multicultural Club 9, 10, Swim Team

Captain 12, Three Year Letter Winner Swimming

Elizabeth Cooper

Volleyball 9, 10, ACES 12, Concert Orchestra 9, FLHS 11, 12,

HOSA 12, Latin Club 12, Multicultural Club 12, Natural

Helpers 12, Student Council 10, 11, 12, Symphonic Strings

10, VHS 12, Cardboard Boat Regatta 11, 12, Student Council

Treasurer 11, Multicultural Club Treasurer/Secretary 12

Jessica Cotton
 Volleyball 9, 10, 11, 12; Academic Honors Diploma
 Michelle Courtois
 Elizabeth Creech
 Ashley Cunningham
 Shannah Curran



Jane Damskin
 Ashley Dawick
 ACS 12, Fall Play 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, Foreign Language
 Clubs 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, Miss D, Knowledge Master 9, 10
 Latin Club 9, 10, 12, NHS 11, 12, Spell Bowl 9, 10, Spring
 Musical 10, 12, Student Council 10, 11, 12, Thespians 11
 Patricia DeBord
 Kristina DeHart
 Color Guard 9, 10, Girls Glee 9, 10
 Jennifer Derrison
 Glee 9, Concert Orchestra 9, Legend 12, Symphonic Strings
 10, 11



Amanda Diaz
 Track 9, ACS 12, Cheerleader 9, 10, 11, 12, French Club 9,
 B, Jr. Miss 11, 12, NHS 11, 12, Spring Musical 11, 12,
 Student Council 9, 10, 2003 Portage Junior Miss, Prom Court
 11, Football Homecoming Court 11
 Brittany Dudek
 Swimming 9, Volleyball 9, HOSEA 11
 Amber Edmonds
 Girls Glee 10, 11, Symphonic Chorus 11, Honor Roll
 Tessa Emmart
 Amy Engel
 Gymnastics 9, 10, 11, Soccer 9, 10, Track 9, ACS 12,
 Cheerleader 11, 12, Jr. Miss 11, IRE Peer Tutors 12, NHS 11,
 12, Student Court 12



Stephanie Erwin
 Air Band 11, Cheerleader 10, 11, 12, Jr. Miss 11, Pom Poms 9,
 Spring Musical 9, 10, 11, 12
 Alexander Espinosa
 Ronald Esany
 Christina Farmer
 David Federoff
 Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12, FHS 10



With decorated paint and
 silver leaf, the students of the
 Lighthouse Society and Men's
 Service Club, for the first time,
 created a community garden. The
 garden is a beautiful sight to
 see. The garden is a beautiful
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Gathered together by choice

Instead of sitting passively in the office at noon, our high schoolers are sitting in the high school gymnasium, watching the basketball game between the Hawks and the Jags. They are not just sitting, they are cheering, shouting, and jumping. They are not just sitting, they are cheering, shouting, and jumping. They are not just sitting, they are cheering, shouting, and jumping.

Trying to get relaxed and

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Intense heat plays a miserable

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David Fisher

Joanna Fitzgerald

NHS 12, Saga 12, Sports Team 4, Sophomore 10, Ball

Academic Letter 10, 12

Shannon Flanagan

Athlete, Trainer 10, 12, Sedhill 9, 10, 11, 12, Air Band 12

HOSA 11, 12, Multicultural Award 9

Mark Alan Fleming Jr.

Angela Fotkos

James Fray Jr.

Mitchell Gale

Erin Garcia

Nicole Garcia

Suzanne Garbay

Like the girls, the boys also enjoy getting a moment or two in the spotlight. They are the lucky ones. Andrey Willey, Jerome Homola, Kyle Willey, David Federoff and Kyle Soboty put on great shows in a professional photo

As a tradition, the girls all get together and pose for a group picture. It's the girls' chance to prepare for the future. They are all so beautiful, they don't even need a quick adjust on how to fix their hair or make-up before the moment is captured.



Adam Garner
Football 9, Wrestling 9, 11, Chorus 11, Fall Play 12, Hope Club 12, JROTC 9, Natural Helpers 12, OYM 12, SADD Step 11, Spring Musical 11, Symphonic Choir 10, 11, 12, Thespians 12, Variety Show 10, 11, 12, HOSA Vice President 12, Symphonic Choir Librarian 12.
Carlos Garza Jr.
Angela Garza
HOSA 11, LRE Peer Tutors 10, Student Court 9, 10, Technology Honor Society 11, VHS 11, HOSA Class President 11
Agnes Gazdag
Michael Gesmond



Nicholas Giangullo
Michael Girneard
Sean Glasford
Trever Goble
Brian Golarz



Jennifer Gomez
Francesca Gonzalez
Renee Grant
Amanda Green
HOSA 11, 12, President of HOSA 12, President of Dental Assisting 12
Sophia Guardiola
HOSA 11, 12, Student Council 9, 10, Porter Technology Honor Society





Nicholas Hamann
 Patricia Hammond
 Daniel Hand
 Suzanna Harman
 Golf 9, 10, Tennis 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, ACES 12, Concert Band 9,
 Latin Club 9, 10, 11, Natural Helpers 12, Student Council 10,
 Symphonic Band 10, 11, 12
 Lindsey Harth

Cynthia Hassett
 Basketball 9, Softball 10, 11, Volleyball 9, 10, 11, 12, Air
 Band 12
 Eva Herwen
 Swimming 9, 10, Concert Choir 12, Girls Glee 12, HOBA 11,
 JROTC 9, IRE Peer Tutors 12, Spring Musical 12
 Donna Hickman
 Jennifer Hickman
 Matthew Hinton

Gloria Hogg
 Air Band 12, Concert Choir 9, 10, Girls Glee 11, 12, Jr. Miss
 12, Marching Band 9, 10, 11, 12, Intramural Volleyball 12
 Jerome Homella III
 Football 9, 10
 Samantha Hoopingartner
 Legend 11, 12, Natural Helpers 11, 12, Quill and Scroll 11, 12
 Christopher Hopper
 Hockey 10, 11, 12, Air Band 12, OYM 12, Pow-Wow 10, 11, 12
 Pow-Wow Editor in Chief 12, Quill and Scroll 11, 12, Spring
 Musical 12, Captain of Hockey Team 12
 Morgan Hubbard
 Air Band 12, French Club 10, IRE Peer Tutors 9



Practice makes perfect for the boys and their OYM dance routine. As shown in the air, the boys practiced long days before their big night. On the right, they showed the audience their sparkling routine.

and transferred his focus to the most competitive game strategy for Eric's return. He was named Regional player of the month that fall on his home field where the sector overlooks the practice football field.

Group of students—were just bringing home new and very interesting spirit to the school. Eric Smith, Aaron Jennings, Adam Sandoz, Matthew Fenn, junior Eric Krueh, and Matt Flemming and their classmates are the first ever students to study Faculty Discretion.



Biljana Jasnic
Jason Jedlikowski
Erika Johnson

David Kuskan
Mark Kitchen
Frank Knez III
Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12, Basketball 9, 10, 11, Football 9, 10, 11, 12, FLHS 10, 11, 12, NHS 12, Football and Baseball Team Captain, MVP Football

Zachary Knutsen
Captain, MVP Football
Basketball 9, Soccer 9, 10, 11, 12, Natural Helpers 12, NHS
12, OYM 12, Spring Musical 12, Student Council 11, 12,
Variety Show 12, SCAT 11, 12

Christina Kornacki
Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12, Track 10, 11, Volleyball 9, 10, I RE
Peer Tutors 11, 12



Megan McGoethlen
Douglas Mencelewicz
Thomas Musch

Concert Band 9, 10, Fall Play 12, Jazz Band 10, 11, 12,
Marching Band 10, 11, 12, NHS 11, 12, OYM 10, 11, 12,
Variety Show 9, 10, 11, 12

Samantha Mitchell

Track 9, FHHS 12, Natural Helpers II, Student Council 10, 11,
Tessy Mitchell

Angela Mitrasin
Kimberly Monola
Anthony Monacy
Cory Monnier

ACES 12, Air Band 11, 12, FHHS 9, 10, 11, 12, Latin Club 11,
12, Natural Helpers 12, NHS 12, OYM 12, Student Council
11, 12, Variety Show 12, Junior Miss Facort

Samantha Moore



As a senior, a more than
a semester or so of certain art
offered due to the low
required classes remaining for
the upperclassmen. Amanda
Apak made a variety of items
out of clay in her artwork.

Let's bring in some more spirit,
senior girls dressed in their
Portage Indian traditional
clothing to help in the
celebration of the traditional
senior girls t-shirt.





For a little revenge against Mr. Right, Luchford, 29, who works in the nursing home, tried to drink wipe-out. Mr. Bernard Luchford, 40, donated his car to the Fire on Day, after taking the Luchfords had a quarrel.



Olivia Morales
Amber Morris
BPA 12, Cheerleader 9, 11, German Club, Academy of
Finance, Business Professionals of America
Michelle Morris
Candise Mula
Cheerleader 11, 12

Abigail Najar
Softball 9, Art Club 9, FLHS II, 12, LRE Peer Tutors 9, 10,
12, NHS 12 Softball Manager 10, II, Photography Contest
Winner 11, Art Show Finalist 12, NHS Chairman for YMCA
Mentorship with NHS Members and Middle School
Students 12

Bryan Naumann
Timothy Naumann
Melissa Olsch
Basketball 9, Volleyball 9, 10, HOSA II, LRE Peer Tutor 12
Anthony Ortiz

Jefferey Ostapchuk
Diane Otto
Maureen Pall
Cross Country 10, 11, 12, Track 9, 10, 11, Jr Miss 11, Natural
Helpers 11, 12, Spring Musical 11, Most Improved Cross
Country, Rookie of the Year Track 9
Tamara Paniaguas
Swimming 9, 10, 11, 12, Track 9, Spring Musical 12
Jacqueline Parslev

Laura Pawlick
Chamber Orchestra 9, Concert Orchestra 10, 11, 12
Deanna Perez
Jr. Miss 11, Natural Helpers 12, Powder Puff Football 12
Homecoming Queen Nominee 12
Jessica Perez
Concert Choir 10, Natural Helpers 11, Spanish Club 10,
Variety Show 10
Thomas Potts
Vincent Privett

While cheering their friends, some on the sidelines and others in the crowd, several students are involved in various activities, including cheering and singing. The students are also seen in the background, some wearing hats and others in casual attire. The overall atmosphere is one of excitement and support.



Daniel Pryle
Mark Przekwas
Raymond Presbyrne III
Jeffrey Ramirez
Eric Raskopf



Julianne Repay

Gymnastics 9, 10, 11, 12, Track 9, Cheerleader 10, 11, 12, Miss 11, OYM 12, Pom Poms 9, Spring Musical 11, Gymnastics MVP 9, 10, 11, Gymnastics 4 Year Letter Winner, Gymnastics All State 11, 12, Gymnastics All Conference 10, 11, 12.

Kerin Rey

German club 9, 10, 11, Pow Wow 12

Douglas Reynolds

Alicia Richmond

Air Band 11, Art Club 10, Color Guard 9, 10, 11, Jr. Miss 11, Marching Band 9, 10, 11, Environmental Club 10, Saga 12, Spring Musical 12, Symphonic Choir 11, 12, Tae Kwon Do 11, 12, Variety Show 11, Jr. Miss Best Non-Finalist Talent Award.

Charles Riley

Carly Rustich

Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12, Golf 10, 11, Softball 9, 10, 11, 12, LRE Peer Tutor 12, Basketball Captain, Assist Leader, Basketball, Most Improved Basketball, Work horse Award, Basketball, Softball Captain

Jason Rivera

Anthony Robbins

Football 9, 10, 11, 12, Track 9, Air Band 12.

Joshua Rocha

Julia Rogers

Concert Choir 9, 10, 11, Girls Glee 10, 11, 12, Symphonic Choir 12



Brook Shipley

Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12; Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12;
 ACES 12, HHS 10, 11, 12; Natural Helpers 12; NHS 11, 12;
 OYM 12; Basketball Captain 9

Cuyler Simmons

Cross Country 9, 10, 11, 12; Track 9, 10, 11, 12; OYM 12;
 Student Court 9, 12; Good Guy Award OYM; Mental Award
 Cross Country Team Distance Captain Track; Cross Country
 4 Year Letterman; Track 1 Year Letterman

Daniel Smeltzer

Eric A. Smith

Eric J. Smith

Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Track 9, 10, 11, 12; Air Band 11, 12;
 Track Team Captain 11, 12

Sarah Smith

Stacey Smolinski

Kyle Sonaty

Basketball 9; Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Air Band 11; Who's Who
 12; Football Captain 12; Football Coaches Award 12

Jessica Sosa

Holly Specht



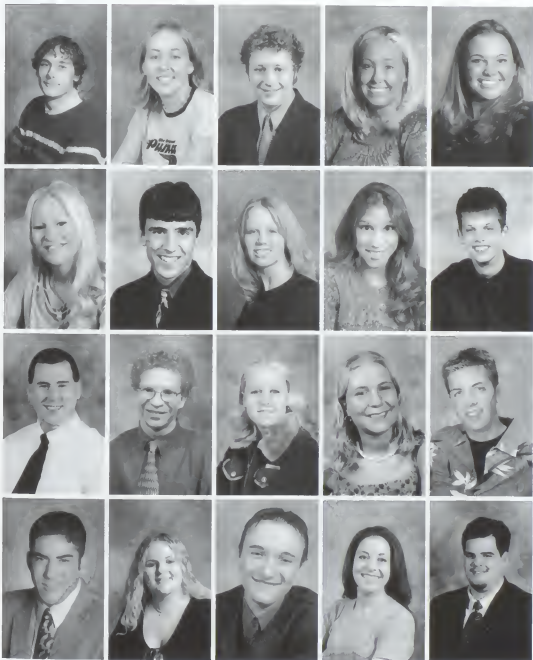
Dates To Be Remembered

First Day Back As A Senior -	August 21, 2002
Powderpuff Football Game -	October 1, 2002
Winter Homecoming Game -	January 24, 2003
Mid-Year Graduation -	January 26, 2003
Outstanding Young Man -	February 8, 2003
Student/Faculty Basketball Game -	February 21, 2003
Valley Show -	February 22, 2003
Air Band -	March 14, 2003
Spring Break -	March 24-28, 2003
ACES Banquet -	April 16, 2003
Prom -	May 2, 2003
Senior Week -	May 26-30, 2003
Spring Graduation -	May 30, 2003



In a pair of size one girls pants, John Madden (and his wife) decided to sing and dance to the song "Quiet Riot" by the band Quiet Riot. Madden is a cheerleader for the school and is a member of the cheerleading squad.

At the annual variety show, John Madden and his wife decided to sing and dance to the song "Quiet Riot" by the band Quiet Riot. Madden is a cheerleader for the school and is a member of the cheerleading squad.



Lee Stamm
Sarah Stoeck
Nathan Stokes
Morgan Stout
Natural Helpers II
Brittney Suleski
Softball 9, 10, Cheerleader 9, HOSA 12, Student Council, Cancer Twp 12

Candace Swanson
Kyle Sweeney
Tabatha Tachik
Lisa Tanner
Glenn Taylor

Kenneth Tharp
Timothy Timpe
Paula Truth
Nancy Turpin
Ryan Twilla

Bradford Tyskiewicz
Crystal Vazquez
Concert Choir II, Girls Glee 9, 10, 12
Dale Veatch
Victoria Velez
Chamber Orchestra 9, Chorale 10, 11, 12, Concert Choir 9, Fall Play 12, Girls Glee 10, Jr. Miss II, Legend 12, Natural Helpers II, Spring Musical 10, 12, Symphonic Choir 10, 11, 12, Variety Show II, 12, Choral Vice President II
Jacob Villa

Kevin Wall
Meghan Wallace
Nicole Walters
Christine Wampler
Andrew Warren

Swimming 9, 10, Diving 9, 10, Air Band 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000



Lynda Watson

Swimming 9, 10, 11, Track 9, Color Guard 9, Concert Orchestra 9, LRE Peer Tutor 12, Marching Band 9, Symphonic Strings 10, 11, 12, All State Orchestra 11, Swimming 11

Samantha Weaver

Brian Welland

Concert Band 9, 10, 11, Film Study Club 11, FLHS 12, Jazz Band 10, 11, 12, Knowledge Master II, Marching Band 9, 10, 11, 12, Pep Band 9, 10, 11, 12, Quiz Bowl 11, Spring Musical 10, Super Bowl 11, 12, Symphonic Band 12

Ryan West

Stefanie Wherry

What is your STYLE?

1. Time for the dreaded packing process, how do you deal with such a massive move?

A. Think that you'll throw together some stuff, mostly what's on your floor. It's the stuff you use the most.

B. All of your stuff is neatly packed in labeled boxes and various other containers. You don't understand what all the fuss is about; you're clean, ready for weeks.

C. Hmm, What do you mean pack? The movers will take care of that for you. No sense in spending valuable summer time doing work

2. The first time you are sick away from home, what do you do?

A. Tough it out. There's no point in making a big deal about it; you never have before.

B. Immediately take out your home remedies book and find which one best fits your symptoms. The fellow the instructions, even if that means drinking that disgusting sea kelp concoction.

C. Waste no time before calling your physician and asking who he/she recommends near you. Your health is most important and you must be taken care of promptly, then wonder if your parents might need to take a quick trip to do so.

5. A peek into your locker shows us that you have...

A. All supplies neatly placed on shelves with your personal organizer on top. After all you can never be too organized.

B. A mirror, comb, and hygiene products. What else is there room for; your appearance is so very important.

C. Books, papers, and folders strewn about among the juice bottles that you dutifully collected during the term. It's not trash; it's decor.

3. 'Buying those last minute necessities finds yourself where'?

A. Asking your mom if you actually need detergent. Washing clothes is highly overrated anyways.

B. You have all your cleaning supplies and other items packed neatly away in see through containers.

C. Begging your mom to not only purchase general laundry and housekeeping items, but also that special detergent and fabric softener for the delicate apparel you own.

4. It's exactly two weeks before Prom you?

A. Have your dress/tux paid for and hanging in your closet just waiting to be worn.

B. Aren't sure that you're going at all, you haven't found the absolute best attire possible. What's the point in going if you don't look the best?

C. Have two weeks, what's the rush. That's plenty of time get some dress clothes, and shoes.



Kristine Willac
Concert Band 9, 10, 11, Jazz Band 9, Marching Band 10
Student Council 12, Symphonic Band 12
Brandon Williams
Danielle Wilson
Alice Wozniak
Basketball 9, Soccer 9, 10, 11, Diving 10, Track 9, 10, 11, 12,
Aces 12, Air Band 12, FLHS 10, 11, 12, Jr. Miss 11, NHS 12,
Student Council 9, 10, Track DAC Champion 11, Track MFL
11, Track Captain 11, Junior Miss 11, runner up 11,
Homecoming Court 12
Melissa Wright
Track 9, Cheerleader 9, 10, Jr. Miss 11, Multicultural Club
10, Spring Musical 11, Student Council 9, Homecoming
Queen 2002, Student Council Representative

Rebecca Wyatt
Basketball 9, Softball 9, 10, 11, 12, Volleyball 9, 10, 11, 12,
ACES 12, Air Band 12, FLHS 10, 11, 12, OYM 12, Co-Captain
Volleyball and Softball 12, Hoosier Girls State 11

Mark Yakisic
Kristen Zaper
Cristin Zaragoza
Jonathan Ziukowski
Concert Band 10, 11, Fall Play 9, 10, 11, 12, FLHS 12, Foreign
Language Clubs 9, 10, 11, 12, NHS 11, 12, OYM 12, Pep Band
9, 10, 11, Quiz Bowl 9, 10, 11, Spell Bowl 9, 10, 11, Spring
Musical 9, 10, 11, 12, Super Bowl 9, 10, 11, 12, Symphonic
Band 11, 12, Symphonic Strings 11, 12, Thespians 9, 10, 11,
12, German Club President 9, 10, 11, 12, Thespians
President 12

Alison Zuidervliet
Basketball 9, 10, Soccer 9, Track 9, 10, 11, 12, Chamber
Orchestra 9, FLHS 11, Natural Helpers 11, 12, Pow Wow 12,
Student Council 12, Natural Helpers Staff 12, Regional
Weightlifting Champion 12

Are you mostly A's, B's, or C's?

What is your style

A's You are 'sneat and organized about everything you do. Getting stuff done right and on time is never a problem for you, and rather than waiting until the last minute to do something you have all the time in the world while everyone else is stressing. However you might want to consider not always being so schedule crazed. Flying by the seat of your pants has its appeals too.

B's With such a busy social-life and unlimited fashion sense, you are definately a trendsetter. One minor adjustment you just might want to make before taking that all important social step to college, put a little more effort into your work instead of your appearance. You might not always be able to find that willing smart person to do your work for you.

C's A little word to the wise... grunge went out in the nineties. Not it is considered appropriate to wash clothes and even be seen in something from this decade. While the "individualistic" way you dress and act is acceptable to most, offensive smells and that "I don't care" attitude you reek of as well, are not going to get you very far either socially or academically.

JUNIOR

Danielle Abram
 Heather Adduci
 Danielle Allsbury
 Alejandro Alvarez
 Laura Anderson
 Ashley Andrews
 Adam Arndt
 Joseph Arnold

 Kyle Autrey
 Jennifer Ayers
 David Bacco
 Jennifer Baker
 Roberto Balderas
 Jerald Balta
 Jessica Barajas
 Steven Barnes

 Timothy Bart, Jr.
 Brett Bates
 Glen Batista
 Brian Beck
 Amanda Beiswanger
 David Bellamy
 Jonathan Beller
 Maria Belleville

 Brandon Bement
 Ashley Bernardi
 John Berryman
 Ashley Biggs
 Justin Bilderback
 Brian Bissonnette
 Megan Blatsioris
 Stephanie Bottorff

 Jonathan Bowman
 Kenneth Boykin II
 Sean Boylan
 Thomas Bradshaw
 Nicholas Bravo
 Christopher Brock
 Rebecca Broyles
 Brad Brutout





Branden Buchmeier
Amber Butala
Stephanie Butler
Holly Callahan
John Camery III
Kenneth Camp
Rachel Cantu
Fabian Caraballo

Casey Carr
Daniel Castro
Donald Catlin III
Jonathan Cavezza
Jenny Cervantes
Jaedee Chahal
Jagpreet Chahal
Jujeet Chahal

Chad Chalfant II
Cody Chayhitz
Paul Cherepko
Brittany Childers
Stacy Clarih
Alex Clark
Emily Oliver
Matthew Cody

Kevin Coffman
Kristin Coffman
Jessica Cohen
Megan Coleman
Michelle Coleman
Richard Colvin III
Rachael Cooper
Tara Cooper

Ryan Coppinger
Jessica Coros
Ashley Cowger
Ashley Cox
Theodore Craig
Joshua Crandall
Zachary Cripe
Anna Crowley

Shaun Cunningham
Donna Curtis
Laura D'Azzena
Ann Daniel
James Davis
Jonathon Davis
Paul Davy
Daniel De La Garza

Why is the JUNIOR CLASS important?



We're the tightest class, because we put together a lot of the school activities.

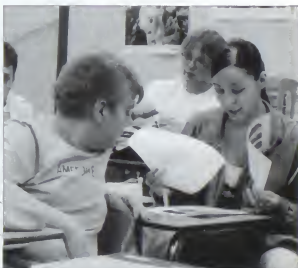
Matthew

The junior class is important, because that is when opportunities and privileges open up for students.

Daniel Laboy, Jr.



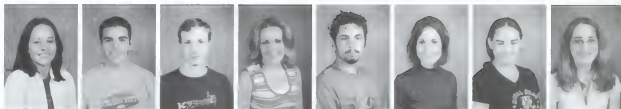
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Refreshments are served at the last meeting of the year for Writers Block. Junior Valerie Farley writes her last poem to wrap up the year.

Some students find it easier to ask classmates questions rather than the teacher. Juniors Heather Romo and Brian Beck help each other.

Crystal Delgado
Artemio Delreal
Michael Delturco
Tara Demaria
Joseph Depaula
Elizabeth Dilts
Amanda Ditch
Amanda Dixon



Samantha Dixon
Susan Doane
Sara Domonkos
Alissa Donohue
Alissa Donohue
Amy Donohue
Kathleen Dougherty
Mary Dranchak



Joshua Dubach
Matthew Dudley
Elizabeth Durkin
Natasha Dusenidana
Terry Easton
Jennifer Edmonds
Timothy Edmonds
Morgan Ekdahl



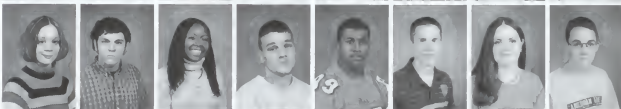
Darren Elkins
Brianna Elliott
Samantha Ellis
Crystal Espinosa
Anthony Evans
Christine Evans
Elise Evans
Sara Evans



Kassandra Evetts
Elizabeth Ewen
Kathryn Eyermann
Joseph Fadely
Megan Fannin
Joseph Faraone
Christina Farley
Valerie Farley



Sheila Farley
Jason Feigl
Whitney Ferguson
Dylan Ferrenic
David Ferrell
Bryan Fielder
Ashley Flagg
Samuel Flick



Jennifer Fuhrman
Jason Gaboian
Alexander Gaines
Melanie Garner
Joshua Garza
Michael Gass
Kristin Geros
Ava Gibson



Katie Gladdis
Jessica Goldsmith
Michael Gomez
Jeremy Gordon
Brandon Gorgei
Kimberly Gossett
Rogelio Granillo
Selena Guajardo



Kelly Guba
Joshua Guidarelli
Bryant Gurley
Kathryn Hajduk
Erin Hall
Sean Hall
Nicole Hanna
Alexandra Hansen



Advice from the seniors

Party as much as you can! You should definitely get to know more people, and make sure you pass your classes.

Matthew Hinton



You should take a vocational class if you can't, then graduate mid-term. Also, get involved more in student council.

Brittney Suleski



Always make your own path, don't let others make it for you. Be open-minded and think for yourself. Go out and have fun.

Richard Diaz

Take all your hard classes in the beginning so you can goof off at the end of the year.

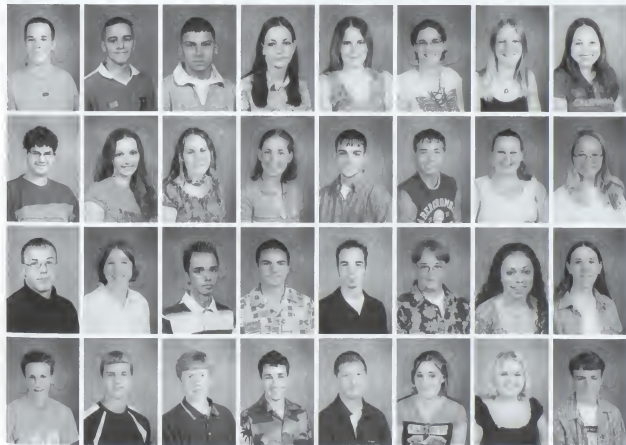
Michael Pankowski



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While enjoying a few drinks at the Winter Formal, junior Jeremy Leggett spends his time socializing when not on the dance floor.

In a relaxed and calm mood, junior Alisha Lazaro reads her own written work to fellow club members. Writers Block ends an enjoyable year.



Jesse Harrell
Adam Harrison
Brandon Hatch
Carolyn Healy
Lisa Heckman
Samantha Heckman
Jessica Helmick
Priscilla Hernandez

Andrew Herrera
Ashley Herron
Renee Hertaus
Kelly Higgins
Darrell Hobgood, Jr.
Robert Hodges
Shirley Hollifield
Jessica Holloway

Matthew Hoover
Brandi Hoskins
Craig Houchens
John Hoyo, Jr.
Phillip Hritz
Edward Hudson
Christina Huizar
Jennifer Hunter

Michaelpaul Hutchins
Timothy Hyde
Christopher Isaac
William Jacob
James Jadcych
Tera Jaeger
Amanda Jarosak
Brock Jenkins



"I'm going to graduate mid-term, so I can get an early start on college."

Brandon Hatch



"I have all of my credits and I do well in school. I might as well graduate early, so I can start college and get on with my life."

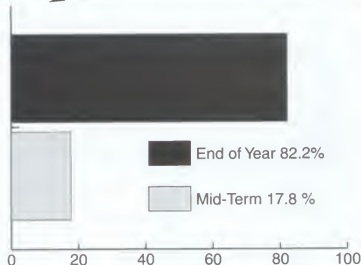
Michelle Coleman



"I'm graduating mid-term because I want to get out of here and get a head start on my future."

Jonathan Hudson

Mid Term/Fall Graduates



"I'd just going to graduate mid-term because I want to be able to graduate with my class."

Rachel Cantu

"I see my friends and I don't want to have to face real life yet or any time soon."

Charles Shannon

"Most of my friends are graduating at the end of the year and I want to be able to take orchestra a full year."

Melinda Mattingly



Krystal Jenne
Eric Johnson
Steven Johnson
Steven Jones
Jeffrey Kalch
Jeffrey Kallimani
Joel Keel
Matthew Kerns

Victoria Keyser
Brandon Kirkpatrick
Dane Klakoski
Nichole Kleckner
Briana Klimek
Michael Knickerbocker
Sheila Koartge
Stephen Kometz

Ryan Konopasek
Krysle Kozik
Kristopher Krabbenhoft
Terry Krajcska
Jessica Kuckson
Daniel Laboy
Lorenzo Lacey
Bridget Ladra

Anthony Laingren
Meghan Lamping
Kara Lane
Danielle Lawrence
Alisha Lazaro
Joonsung Lee
Jeremy Leggett
Angela Lemus

Kyle Lerch
Sheri Levack
William Liesch
Laura Linamen
Samantha Jo Lira
Terry Little II
Michael Loewe
Samuel Lombardo

Erika Lopez
Christine Lozano
Ashley Luellman
Julie Luther
Justin MacMillan
Tiffany Malenky
Sammie Maletta II
Hilary Manoski, Jr.





Andrew Marsh
Carrie Martinez
Christina Martinez
Daniel Martinez
Jade Martinez
Sallie Martinez
Constance Marvel
Amanda Massow

Brooke Matheny
Melinda Mattingly
Mike McCorkal
Eduardo McCoy
Amber McDonald
Nicole McDonald
Amber McDuffie
John McKee

Jenna Mead
Jessica Medina
Jo Meyer
Eric Michaels
Gregory Michko, Jr.
Nicholas Mills
Tiffany Mills
Joshua Mitchell

Alexander Mokry
Christopher Mokry
Joseph Montoleone
Ryan Moore
Bertha Morales
Nicholas Mucha
Rosa Munguia-Arias
David Murchek

Do you think there are...

too many cliques?

"If there were fewer cliques in the school, there would be less hostility between people."

CHRISTINA WILER-11

"Yes. People get stereotyped because they are in certain cliques when they shouldn't be looked upon in that way."

CHRIS PUCKETT-11



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Between powerpoint presentations, juniors Amy Samuelson and Bryan Grubbe quietly share their opinions and ideas.

As homecoming nears, floats are built by every class. Junior Fabian Caraballo expresses his school spirit with his participation.

Between passing periods, the commons are cluttered with many social groups. This circle of junior girls quickly converse before the bell.

Victoria Murray
Megan Myers
Andria Najar
Darrin Najar
Brenden Nasianceno
Goran Nastoski
Jason Nelson
Kristen Newcomb

Matthew Newton
Lisa Niloff
Kandi Nugent
Vincent Nygra
Matthew O'Brien
Aaron O'Reilly
Jeannette Olejniczek
Ashley Oliver

Jonathon Oliver
Justin Olson
Dawn Oresik
Justin Ortiz
Jennifer Owen
Lindsay Owen
Jacob Parker
Thomas Parker

Lauren Parobek
Nikita Patel
Mark Patterson
Daniel Paulsen
Kathryn Paunicka
Daniel Pedone
Shane Peeler
Garrett Pendleton

Angela Perez
Cynthia Perez
Daniel Perez
Christopher Peters
Daniel Piasecki
Sarah Pieszchala
Steven Podlecki
Eric Polewski

Josephine Pomaes
Michaline Ponda
Shelley Poznic
Christina Priest
Katherine Proper
Bernard Pruim
Christopher Puckett
William Purcell

Elyse Radakovich
Heather Raman
Priscilla Ramos
Jennifer Rance
Brandon Ratigan
Joshua Rebeck
Kristin Reisinger
Danielle Ricker



For the talent portion of the Junior Miss competition, junior Anna Crowley practices backstage in preparation for her appearance on stage.



In spite of his shoulder injury, junior Christopher Krabbenhoef is still able to be involved with boys swim by being the team manager.

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In the commons, freshman Radley Alcantara patiently listens to junior Elise Evans as she excitedly describes her latest adventure story.

Is the DRESS fair?

83%

YES

no

Should girls' **DE**ters show?

82%

YES

no

Have you ever been in trouble for not following the dress code?

43%

YES

no

Do you think that the dress code is too strict?

357 students surveyed



Krystal Rigoni
Anna Rivera
Elizabeth Robbins
Ashley Rodriguez
Brandy Rogers
Brett Rogers
Justin Roman
Heather Romo

Yadira Rosado
Sandra Ross
Tamra Rudziewicz
Dalena Ruggeri
Saisha Rumble
Jonathan Rush
Amy Ryan
Elizabeth Ryan

Margaret Sabin
Emily Safstrom
Cynthia Sailors
Gregory Saklaczynski
Amy Samuelson
Frankie Sanchez
Christy Sandage
Joshua Sanders

David Sandifer
Allison Sanetznik
Stanley Sarnowski
Stefanie Satka
Allison Sattler
Erik Scheub
Kristin Schmeski
Markeyla Scott

Elizabeth Sefcik
Melodie Serles
Carley Shaffer
Anthony Shaw
Caitlyn Sheehan
Jessica Shelby
Derek Shelton
Jason Siroky

Ashley Sitko
Jacqueline Slusher
Cory Sly
Leonard Smock
Brian Sopko
Kellissue Sparks
Shawn Sparks
Lindsay Speer

Jonathan Spurlock
 Kyle Spurr
 Kimberly Stafford
 Jessica Stanley
 Amanda Stasi
 Meredith Stasik
 Michael Steege
 Kristin Stewart

Jacqueline Stone
 Autumn Stoner
 Richard Studniarz, Jr.
 Jaclyn Swanson
 Dustin Swisher
 Tiffany Tabisz
 Brenda Talley
 Miranda Tamietto

Sara Tarpley
 Katreena Taugher
 Stephanie Taylor
 Matthew Timmons
 Jonathan Tokarski
 Daniel Toomey
 Diana Trepanier
 Vanessa Trimble



After third block, Juniors Holly Calahan and Tiffany Melink relax and laugh over a small conversation during their eight minute passing period.

What looks to be a game of 7-up is really just a student catching up on some much needed relaxation. At times, life gets in the way.



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I am looking forward to being a senior because...

I want to go to prom

99%

70%

I want to graduate and get out

8%

I want to be the top dog of the school

I am not really excited about being a senior

13%



photo by Priscilla Hernandez

During a pep rally, Junior Brianna Elliot and friends gather in the parking lot for outside entertainment of food and music.

Before every soccer game, variety athlete Ashley Banardi uses the side fence to stretch and warm up her leg muscles.



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photo by Elizabeth Selek

After a return to the school, several students put on wigs and decide to imitate bad hair metal bands for the night of Airband.

Minutes before the Junior Miss competition begins, Junior Susan Doane applies enough makeup to enhance her stage appearance.



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Daniel Uhle, Jr.
Matthew Valtierra
Cassandra Vandergriff
Steven Vaught
Daniel Velazquez
Ashley Villa
Karen Villacin
Nicole Villagran

Nichole Wallingford
Jeremy Walters
Amanda Wathern
April Watson
Bethany Webb
Benjamin Webbell
Jonathan Wegerich
Mark Weidenaar

Joel Wekluk
Miranda West
Charles White
Nicole Wilcox
Christina Wiler
Kristin Wilk
Marissa Wilken
Adam Willfond

Dorothy Williams
Nicholas Williams
Lindsey Wilson
Mark Wilson
Jennifer Wilt
Kathleen Wirth
Hillary Woloshansky
Michelle Wright

Delanie Yermak
Kenneth York
Beatrice Zamarron
Robert Zhikowski
Nathan Ziulkowski
Vanessa Ziulkowski

SOPHOMORE

Andrew Adair
Joshua Adkins
Joseph Aimone
Jason Aimutis
Sarah Aimutis
Monika Alexander
David Allen
Daniel Alonzo

Catherine Andrews
Derek Andrews
Elaine Andrews
Kevin Arend
Rachel Armes
Genevieve Arnold
Krista Arvidson
Brian Ayers

Robert Bailey
Robin Bailey
Brittany Ball
Kellie Bandy
Brittany Banic
Amber Banks
Ashley Barajas
James Bardsley

Jacqueline Barnum
Christopher Bartley
Caitlin Bartz
Aimee Bass
Gabrielle Bassett
Buster Battreall
Ryan Bauer
Melissa Beal

Nicole Beal
Leah Bearsr
Lauren Bellar
Holly Benz
Brett Bernes
Ambrea Berryman
Daniel Biby
Jessica Blanton





Rachel Blejski
Megan Boch
Jessica Boer
Zachary Bohling
Amber Bolen
Christopher Bolint, Jr.
Laura Boskey
Brittany Bowen

Steven Brennan
Elric Brink
Erica Brown
William Brown
Dennis Brubaker
Jeannie Bruhn
Kenneth Bryan
Jeffery Bucy

Jeremy Bucy
Andrew Bucek
Samantha Burge
Ryan Butera
Reynaldo Caluag
Kari Campbell
Adam Candiano
Kelly Canner

Gary Carroll III
Michael Carroll
Candace Carter
Nicole Catlin
Steven Chabes
Stephenie Chaddock
Sharise Chancey
Shiela Chancey

Alejandro Chavez
Cory Chaybitz
Dennis Christopher
Krisan Cieszkiewicz
Melissa Clark
Kayla Cochran
Veronica Colburn
Eli Collazo

Jose Collazo
Justin Collins
Randi Colville
Andrew Colvin
Kayla Conroy
Christiana Cook-Dame
Jeffery Copeland
Julian Corona

Brandon Council
Phillip Cowger
Robert Crecelius
Christina Creech
Valerie Cremer
Christopher Curiel
Melissa Dabu
Melanee Dallas

Amy Danielewicz
Katelyn Davenport
Kyle Dean
Mary Demmon
Maribel Deseles
Kyle Devaney
Danielle Dienes
Angelica Dillin

Kevin Dixon
Jacquelyn Doeing
Timothy Dohner
Krystle Dove
Andrew Dranchak
Dezso Duerr
Stefanie Durkin
Kristian Edders

Ashley Edmonds
Tiffany Efantis
Kelly Elsey
Kristopher Enstrom
Brittany Esposito
Stephen Evola
Joshua Farley
Kristin Fedor
Ashley Fields
Natalie Finnegan
Andrew Fletter
Dustin Foster
Kali Foyteck
Bryana Fravel
Steven Frye
Jennifer Furgye
Gina Gaboian
Alex Gallegos
Shaun Gannon
Timothy Gasaway II
Sheri Gaul
James Geary III
Samantha Gembala
Amber Gentry



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**WHO
WOULD WIN
THE
ULTIMATE
SUPERHERO
BRAWL?**



OUT OF 107
SOPHOMORES
POLLED:

1. SUPERMAN 53%
2. SPIDERMAN 22%
3. BATMAN 16%
4. THE HULK 9%

SPIDER-MAN AND
THE HULK
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BEFORE EACH TRACK MEET THE TEAM STRETCHES AND RUNS LAPS. MICHAEL KIRK RUNS DURING HIS MEET AND TRIES TO GET A GOOD ENDING RESULT FOR HIS TEAM. KIRK AND HIS TEAM HAD A GOOD CROSS COUNTRY SEASON THIS YEAR.

AT THE BAND FESTIVAL, CHRISTOPHER RIGONI SITS AND SOCIALIZES WITH HIS FRIENDS BEFORE THEY GET READY FOR THEIR PERFORMANCE. RIGONI HAS PLAYED THE TRUMPET SINCE MIDDLE SCHOOL.

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Dominique Gibson
Bobby Gifford
Adam Gilbert
Bryan Gilbert
Nathan Gilbert
Brittany Gill
Samantha Giorgi
Jason Goble

Raymond Goss
Steven Gossett
Gregory Graczyk
Sarah Gramhofer
David Granillo
Nolan Graves
Amanda Gray
Monica Green

Jessica Guffey
Tiffany Gurski
Genesis Guzman
Jonathon Halfmann
Mark Hallmen
Christina Hancock
Patrick Hand
Lisa Hansen

Demetria Hardiman-Ferre
Diana Harrington
Teri Harrington
Sarah Harris
Rodney Hatchett, Jr.
Jessica Hatfield
Amanda Hayes
Amber Hayes

Roberta Heath
Charlotte Heckman
Matthew Helpingstine
Michael Henry
Joshua Henry
Shelby Hensley
Alexander Hernandez
Andrew Hernandez

WHAT CAUSES STRESS IN YOUR LIFE?



NICHOLAS CABANAS

THE MOST STRESSFUL THING IN MY LIFE IS TRYING TO BE ACCEPTED BY EVERYBODY ELSE THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL.

THE ONE THING THAT CAUSES STRESS IN MY LIFE RIGHT NOW HAS TO BE MY SPEECH CLASS WITH MR. DOWNES.

IT IS SO HARD BECAUSE I DON'T ENJOY SPEAKING IN FRONT OF PEOPLE.



DAVID WRIGHT

A COUPLE OF THINGS THAT I LIKE TO DO TO RELIEVE STRESS ARE GETTING UP EARLY TO FINISH HOMEWORK, WORKOUT, AND LISTEN TO SOME MUSIC BEFORE SCHOOL.



MATTHEW ZAPER



CHARLOTTE HECKMAN

ONE THING THAT I DO TO RELIEVE MY STRESS IS LAUNDRY. I DO MY FAMILY'S LAUNDRY, AND THEN I FOLD IT ALL UP.

HOW DO YOU FIND STRESS RELIEF?

Photo by Samantha Hopingmeyer



AT BAND PRACTICE DURING THE SCHOOL DAY, JESSICA SZABO SITS AND TALKS TO HER FRIENDS BEFORE THEY PRACTICE THEIR NEW BAND PIECE FOR THEIR UPCOMING CONCERT.

Justin Hess
John Hesselstine
Brie Hettrick
Whitney Hill
David Hinojosa
Steven Hohnacki
Cara Horner
Mary Horvath

Peter Hubbard
Heather Hugard
Shawna Hughes
Saffia Hussain
Jacob Huston
Heather Hylemon
Eugene Irizarry
Marko Ivanovic

Bret Jacobs
Jennifer Jacobs
Ashley Jalovecky
Darko Jasnic
Carlos Jimenez
Troy Johnson
Marc Jones
Christopher Jordan

Audrey Kalman
Amanda Kapalko
Megan Keen
Brad Kemp
David Kendall
Jacquelyn Kennedy
Adam Kilgore
Brittany Kilgore

Michael Kirk
Ashley Kirkpatrick
Jennifer Knudsen
Elizabeth Koonce
John Kornacki
Dale Koveski
Kendal Krass
Dana Krenkel

Danae Krenkel
Robert Krooswyk
Letha Lake
Ashley Lankford
David Larson
Anthony Leal
Steven Leffert
Steven Lehmann

Michael Leucuta
Jessica Levin
Brandon Lewis
Rebecca Leyba
Ashley Liebig
Jeremy Ling
Samantha Lingenfelter
Rebecca Loeffler

Nicole Lopez
Greg Lubbock
Sarah Lubbock
Jessica Ludwig
Elizabeth Malast
Jennifer Manning
Mitchell Mannino
Brandon Marcotte

Heather Markwell
Tracy Markwell
Kenneth Marston
Megan Martin
James Martinez
Shariliz Martinez
Patrick Matney
Vanessa Mayfield





**RACHEAL
ARMES**

YES, I THINK BULLYING IS A PROBLEM IN OUR SCHOOL. THERE ISN'T A SOLUTION TO IT BECAUSE EVERYBODY HAS PROBLEMS WITH OTHER PEOPLE.



**LAUREN
FOYE**

YES, I FEEL THAT BULLYING IS A PROBLEM. AT EVERY SCHOOL. YOU CAN'T REALLY BLAME THE ADMINISTRATION FOR THE PROBLEMS.

**JYONNA
BROWN**



NO, I DON'T THINK THAT BULLYING IS THAT MUCH OF A PROBLEM. KIDS GET PICKED ON NOW AND AGAIN, BUT BULLYING DOESN'T HAPPEN OFTEN.

**MESHAUN
MESICH**



DO YOU THINK BULLYING IS A PROBLEM AT PHS?

AT THE 2003 AIRBAND EVENT, JEREMY BUGY SINGS WITH HIS FELLOW STUDENTS. THE GROUP SANG A MODONNA TRIBUTE THAT NIGHT.



photo by Kyle Telechan



Thomas Mayoche III
Eric Mays
Ashley Mazur
Zachary Mazur
Kimberly McClellan
Thomas McClellan
Daniel McCune
Danielle McIntyre

Michele McKamey
Meredith McLeod
Jessica McWhirter
Kristopher Meanovich
Brandon Melcic
Joseph Mendoza
Nina Mendoza
Alexandra Meneakis

Charlane Merket
Laura Merknor
William Messer
Daniel Meyers
Rebecca Meyers
Jason Mihal
Jessica Mills
Nicole Mitchell

Amber Mitkess
Steven Mitre
Erin Mitts
Timothy Mocabee II
Amanda Morales
Brandon Morgan
Ryan Mueller
Alex Mulherin

Melissa Mullin
Eric Mundt
Mark Munro
Charles Murphy
Stephen Nagler
Michael Nasiatka
Eric Naumann
Katie Nelson

AT THE QUIZ BOWL EVENT, ALEXANDER PASSO CONCENTRATES ON HIS ANSWER HOPING TO EARN THE TEAM SOME POINTS. PASSO HELPED LEAD THE TEAM TO A VICTORY.

AT THE FREE-THROW LINE, WHITTNEY HILL CONCENTRATES ON THE BASKET. HILL'S TWO FREE-THROWS HELPED LEAD THE INDIANS TO ANOTHER JUNIOR VARSITY WIN FOR THE BASKETBALL TEAM.



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KRISTEN CLARK

MY FAVORITE CHILDHOOD CARTOON PROBABLY HAS TO BE CARE BEARS. I WOULD ALWAYS WATCH THAT SHOW WHEN I WOULD WAKE UP IN THE MORNING. I REALLY ENJOYED IT.

MY FAVORITE CHARTOON WHEN I WAS A KID HAS TO BE LOONEY TOONS. I ALWAYS WATCHED THEM WHENEVER I WAS BORED. IT DEFINITELY WAS MY FAVORITE CHILDHOOD CARTOON.

DENNIS BRUBAKER



MICHAEL PARKER

I USED TO LOVE TO WATCH TEEN-AGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES WHEN I WAS A KID. I USED TO HAVE ALL OF THE ACTION FIGURES. IT WAS A GREAT SHOW.

MY FAVORITE CHILDHOOD CARTOON AS A KID DEFINITELY HAS TO BE BEN AND STIMPY. THEY WERE REALLY GREAT TO WATCH. I WATCHED THEM ALL THE TIME.

DAVID STAPLES



WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE CARTOON AS A CHILD?

Kimberly Nelson
Samantha Newbeck
Corey Nigh
Suzanne Nikolic
Genevieve Nimeth
Bradley Norkus
Sarah Orlich
Tegan Ortiz
Michelle Otero
Ryan Palmer
Athanasia Papachronis
Kevin Parkerson
Ashley Parrish
Alex Passo
Melissa Pawelko
Kristina Pekovic





Jennifer Perrine
Joshua Phillips
Cara Pivarnik
Matthew Plummer
Alex Popplewell
Ioanna Prassas
Victoria Pryle
Emily Pyle

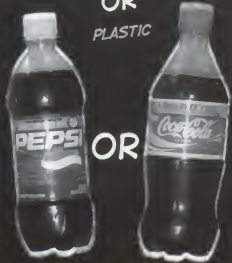
Frank Quarles
Danielle Rader
William Rager
David Ragnone, Jr.
David Rains
Teddy Ray
David Reisen
Randall Reno, Jr.

Joshua Rey
Keith Rhodes
Jacqueline Rice
Megan Richmond
Jason Ricker
Jessica Riffett
Christopher Rigoni
Kyle Riley

Warren Riley
Jessica Ring
Nathaniel Ritchie
Milton Rivera, Jr.
Tonya Robbins
Nicole Rodriguez
Nina Rodriguez
Sarah Rogers

THIS
OR
THAT

PAPER
OR
PLASTIC



OR

MCDONALD'S
OR
BURGER KING



OR



ROCK N' ROLL

OR

RAP MUSIC

GLASSES
OR
CONTACTS

VANILLA
OR
CHOCOLATE



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DURING THE SPRING MUSICAL "FOOTLOOSE", BRITTANY BANIC SINGS "SOMEBODY'S EYES." BANIC HAS BEEN INVOLVED WITH CHOIR AND OTHER MUSICAL GROUPS AND PRODUCTIONS SINCE THE SIXTH GRADE.

William Ronk
John Rooney
Steven Rosenbaum
Paige Roy
Megan Royce
Trisha Sabock
Amy Samplawski
Alfredo Sanchez

Damon Sanchez
Jovanny Sanchez
Michael Sandage II
Erica Sanetznik
Sarah Santana
Rachael Sarson
Natasha Schaefer
Mark Scheuer

Michael Schmitz
Steven Schultz
Lisa Sharp
Amy Shay
Matthew Shepherd
Richard Shoback
Denise Singh
Jesse Sklarz

Joel Slankowski
Timothy Slatton
Daniel Smith
Emily Smith
Michael Smith
Paige Smith
Teresa Smith-Garcia
Nicholas Spasoff

Ronald Spear, Jr.
Brett Spotten
Ashley Sprague
Philip Stannis
Desa Stanley
Stephanie Stasi
Kelly Steiner
Nichole Sterling

Lynda Stinson
Jeanna Stolarz
Nicholas Sturges
Shannon Stutler
Scott Swanson
Jessica Szabo
Molly Talbot
Ashley Tamietto

Jennifer Tauber
Daren Thompson
Rebecca Thompson
Michael Thurber
Micah Tilford
Steven Trathen
Sarah Tugurian
John Tuomi III

Rebecca Turpin
Donald Vander Wal III
Ashley Vargas
Craig Vargas
Roberta Vargas
Josette Villegas
Antionette Vulpitta
Joseph Wadle

Jennifer Waite
Kandice Wallskog
Lindsey Warfield
Daniel Warren
Ronald Waters
Heather Watson
Christina Webber
K.C. Wegner





Joshua Whalen
Meredith Wheeler
Rachael Whitworth
Justin Wilbanks
Erick Wilczynski
Kevin Wilhelm
Randall Wilkening, Jr.
Jason Willis

William Wood
Kimberly Woodard
Marissa Wright
Nathan Wright
Krystal York
Brianne Young
Melody Young
Kelley Yutdt

Amanda Zacharzuk
Nancy Zakutansky
Daniel Zemlik
Jana Zervos



Photo: Victoria Vane

TOP TEN

WHO DID YOU LOOK UP TO
WHEN YOU WERE A CHILD?

10. PAULA ABDUL
9. MARIAH CAREY
8. LAMBCHOP
7. THE 'FONZE'
6. AMANDA BYNES
5. ALF
4. GHOSTBUSTERS
3. MICHAEL JACKSON
2. MISTER ROGERS
1. TEENAGE MUTANT
NINJA TURTLES

HOMEWORK IS NEVER A FAVORITE PART OF ANY STUDENT'S LIFE. SOPHOMORE NICHOLAS STURGES SITS CALMLY AND WORKS ON HIS CHEMISTRY HOMEWORK IN ROBERT KANIA'S CLASS.

FRESHMAN

Christine Abram
Ashley Ackermann
Scott Adams
Jacob Ahlborn
Nabeel Ahsan
Rene Alaniz
Amber Albrecht
Radley Alcantara



Christopher Allmandinger
Samantha Amore
David Anderson
Jacob Anderson
Nicholas Anderson
Rochelle Anderson
Stephen Anderson
James Andresen



Raymond Anthonijsz
Richard Arndt
Jessica Bannister
Keisha Barajas
Aaron Barnes
Katherine Barnes
Brittany Barnett
Natacha Basile



Norman Basile
Katherine Batista
Aaron Beeson
Brandon Bennett
Brittany Bennett
Marvin Bennett
Aaron Beres
Nolan Bergner



Joseph Bickham
Chad Biddle
Brent Bielak
Scott Biggs
Brandon Biller
Christina Blackwell
Jared Blatsioris
Samantha Bodish





Michael Bodnar
 Jessica Bolint
 Derek Bood
 Angela Bool
 Whitney Bowen
 Whitney Bowman
 Jacob Boykin
 Paul Braden, Jr.

Kayla Brooks
 Joshua Brown
 Tiffany Brunner
 Matthew Bryan
 Amanda Burch
 Michael Burke
 Christopher Camery
 Antonio Camisa

Amanda Campbell
 Brandon Campbell
 Jasmine Caraballo
 Rodney Carmona, Jr.
 Jessica Carrasco
 Megan Cary
 Kevin Casimer
 Sarah Cates

Priscilla Catlin
 Froylan Cervantes, Jr.
 Amber Chaja
 Joshua Charlson
 Daniel Chavez
 Dominic Cherepko
 Casey Claxton
 Andrew Clay

Jordan Clough
 April Clowers
 Jeffrey Cluff
 Adam Cody
 Cristen Coffey
 Stephanie Coffman
 Jerry Cole
 Joey Cole

Brittney Coley
 Stefan Colville
 Joe Compion
 Brent Cook
 Sarah Cooper
 Nathan Cordova
 Thomas Corey II
 Nolan Corlett

Yasmin Corral
 Lizette Corralez
 Anthony Costa
 Shane Cottew
 Shantel Cottew
 Kristen Cotton
 Gabriel Covell
 Joelene Craig

Mary Craighead
 Cassandra Creech
 Michaelaen Creviston
 Steven Crews
 Alex Crist
 Cheryl Crowder
 Erin Crowley
 Paul Cruse

Andrew Culp
 Gregory Curiel
 Nicholas Curry
 Alan Daily
 Jessica Dame
 Terrence Danapas
 Thomas Daniel
 Allison Dault

Twice chance to hang out with friends is one of the perks of the annual Christmas Dance which was themed, "A Walk Down the Magnificent Mile." Randy Dawkins and Matt Knez, both very involved in the freshmen class's athletic teams, spend some time resting and relaxing before heading out on the dance floor again.

photo: Elizabeth Selek



Nikita Momola

"Never give up and keep trying until you succeed. Don't let people tell you that you can't do things because you can."

What is the best advice

you have received this year?

"Put your best effort forth and that will be good enough."



Jeremy Davies
Danyelle Davis
Lindsey Davis
Rebekah Davis
Randall Dawkins, Jr.
Benjamin De St Jean
Cory Dehnart
Adriana Delreal

Tasha Demaria
Jonathan Denk
Stephan Devaney
Stephanie Devitte
Cody Dexter
Mark Dietz
William Dillin
Jeffrey Disney

Shane Dixon
Theodore Dlouhy
Ashley Doering
Ryenne Doherty
Stephen Domonkos
Shauna Dougherty
Cody Drees
Ashlee Duca

Lauren Dunning
Felix Duron
Matthew Eriks
Kristopher Evans
Anna Fannin
Elizabeth Fary
Amanda Feeeney
Elisia Feliciano

Sarah Felter
Alexandria Fernandez
James Field
Matthew Fifield
Abby Fink
Paris Finney
James Flannery III
Kara Fornari

Kimberly Frazier
Shawna Freeman
Kevin Gale
Ashley Ganske
Jason Garcia
Stephanie Garner
Justin Garza
Kali Gibson





Zachary Giesler
Brandon Gilbert
Amber Gilmer
Stephen Glaser
Monica Goheen
Mallory Goin
Sarah Gomez
Varae Gomez

Lindsay Gooch
Megan Goodman
Jaclyn Gore
Allison Gossett
Ashby Gurgon
Samantha Gurley
Lyndie Hackney
Tara Hagan

Steven Halfman
Nicole Halfmann
Elizabeth Hall
Jennifer Hall
Caroline Hamann
Melinda Hamilton
Rachel Haner
Stephanie Hanna

Tiffany Hanson
Shana Hardesty
Tiffany Harrison
Jordan Hart
Sherri Hayworth
Stephanie Healy
Robert Heck
Crystal Hedger

Jessica Heflin
Matthew Hemry
Maria Hernandez
Rachael Hewitt
Kimberly Hickman
Christopher Higgins
Troy Hill
Cray Hipelius

Can you keep a secret?

- 1 Your friend tells you a really embarrassing personal secret and swears you to secrecy, you...
 - A) Immediately run and tell your closest friend and beg them not to tell anyone else
 - B) Shout it from the rooftops... Make flyers... Begin a calling chain
 - C) Swear in blood that you won't tell anyone and take it with you to the grave
- 2 Have you ever lost a friend because you couldn't zip your lips?
 - A) I've had a few fights over it, but I would never tell a really important secret
 - B) I get new friends every week and lose them the next
 - C) Not in a million... I would never do that to a friend
- 3 You find out the gossip that everyone has been waiting to hear, and all your friends know that you know, it takes them...
 - A) Two days and a crowbar to pry the information out of you, but you eventually tell and beg them not to say anything, at least about their source
 - B) About 3 1/2 seconds and minimal prodding to squeeze out every juicy detail
 - C) Every ounce of questioning with no response from you. They could tie you to a chair out in the country and have mobsters beat you within an inch of your life and you'd never say a word.

My lips are sealed

All A's are worth 2 points
All B's are worth 1 point
All C's are worth 3 points

Results
1-3

You couldn't keep a secret if your life depended on it. To be brutally honest, you need to learn how to keep your mouth shut. It will make you a better friend.

4-6

You don't volunteer information, but buckle under pressure. Although you do make an honest effort to keep your friends privacy.

7-9

Wow! You sure can be trusted! Even the proposition of a torturous death wouldn't have you squealing What a friend!

HUSH HUSH

Psst

Friends, Radley Alcantara and Alexandra
Litewart, leaf through a copy of last year's
yearbook. The two freshmen who attended
different middle schools met this year and are
both heavily involved in different
extracurricular activities

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Christina Hobgood
Paul Hobgood
Jessica Hodges
Ken Hohnack
Samantha Hollier
Stephanie Hood
Christopher Hoover
Stephen Hopper

Alison Horner
Blair Horner
Ronell Hulse
Danielle Iem
Alyssa Ingram
Kyle Jacobs
Jessica James
Troy Janik

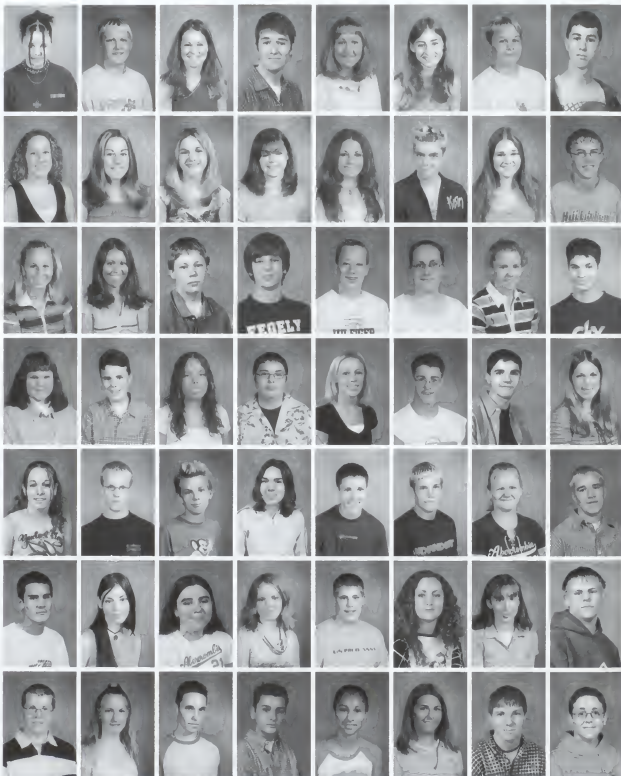
Alicia Jarosak
Veronica Jimenez
Jeremiah Johnson
Kylie Johnson
Robin Johnson, Jr.
Lisa Jones
Nicole Jones
Anthony Joseph

Gordana Jovanoski
Timothy Juchcinski
Nichole Justice
Keith Kaminski
Rachel Kanich
Matthew Kasper
Nathan Keel
Whitney Taylore Keeling

Jessica Keene
Nathan Kellams
Kyle Kelly
Amber Kemp
Benjamin Kerezman
Brandon Ketchum
Sarah Kirincic
Michael Kirk

Steven Kirk
Sheri Kiszkan
Kathy Kladis
Nicole Klimczyk
Matthew Knez
Megan Knudsen
Natalie Kovachevich
Nikolas Kozik

Kristofer Kremke
Victoria Krysa
Marcus Kuta
Christopher Labno
Alycia Laboy
Colette Langbauer
Ronald Lapine
Daniel Lasky





Melissa Latronica
 Raymond Lawrence III
 Raul Leal
 Kristen Lee
 Danielle Leimbach
 Donald Lentz
 Brittany Lesniewski
 Camille Lewandowski

Nathan Lewis
 Robert Liesch
 Alisha Lira
 Sarah Lock
 Michael Lochmer
 Jessica Lombardo
 Christina Lopez
 Mosses Lopez

Gary Lovinglod
 John Ludwig, Jr.
 Nicole Lunn
 Anthony Maffitt
 Andres Magana
 Mark Magana
 Andrew Marcadis
 Thomas Marion

Viera Marjanov
 Jeremiah Martin
 Joseph Martin
 Claudia Martinez
 Claudia Martinez
 Britany Massom
 Kelly Matney
 Chance Matthews

Raymond Mauch
 Ryan McClelland
 Autumn McCormick
 Brittany McCready
 Kayla McCurdy
 Hannah McKee
 Thattus McMurray
 Victoria Meanovich

FAVORITE COMEDIAN

Adam Sandler	64%
Chris Rock	19%
Jerry Seinfeld	11%
Ben Stiller	2%
Will Ferrel	4%

FAVORITE JUNK FOOD

Doritos	25%
Snickers	23%
Cheetos	19%
M&M's	13%
Pretzels	10%
Potato Chips	10%

- Students look forward to lunch all day. Here,
- freshmen Rachel Hanner, who had a starring
- role in this year's fall play, "Welcome to the
- Monkey House," laughs with friends during her
- half hour break.



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Corrina Means
 Alyssa Medanich
 Samantha Meints
 Lucas Melton
 Ross Menclawicz
 Kristin Mendez
 Anthony Mendizabal
 Alicia Mendoza

Jessica Metz
 Dennis Meyers
 Sara Mikenas
 Margaret Miley
 Patricia Miley
 Jonathan Miller
 Natasha Miller
 Natalie Milligan

Kate Mills
 Brandy Mitchell
 Jessica Mitchell
 Nicholas Mitchell
 Katie Moehl
 Nikita Momola
 David Montgomery III
 Joseph Morales, Jr.

Jennifer Mose
 Natalie Moyado
 Kristin Mullin
 April Mullins
 Ivone Mullins
 Brendan Mulroe
 Richard Muniz
 Jason Munsell

Keith Munster
 Christopher Murray
 David Murray II
 Sara Mustafa
 Joshua Myers
 Kristen Myers
 Matthew Myers
 Jacklyn Neace

Nicole Nelson
 Vi Nguyen
 Christopher Nichols
 Ryan Nichols
 Bryan Norkus
 Ashley Norman
 Richard O'Reilly
 Jordan Oakes

Anne Odette
 Sara Olson
 Christopher Osterman
 Destiny Otero
 David Padilla
 Mande Paniaguas
 Joseph Pankiewicz
 Christopher Parish

Justin Pedro
 Rachel Pekar
 Svetlana Pekovic
 Anthony Pennington
 Joel Perez
 Angela Perry
 Krista Perry
 William Peterson

Ryke Pfeiffer
 Heather Phillipov
 Christopher Phillips
 Rami Piers
 Randi Pittman
 Michelle Plotke
 Bryan Priest
 Emily Pruim





"Yes, I think that we have; especially during spirit week."

Shauna Wetmore

Do you feel that your class
has had a lot of spirit this year?

"We have some students that have a lot of spirit and those few have so much that it compensates for the lack from others."

Kassie Rowton



"The choices you get to make as far as classes go. There are a lot of opportunities."

Stephanie Coffman

What are you most excited
about for the coming years?

"I am looking forward to meeting a lot of new people."

Alex Tokarski



Crystal Pugh
Ashley Pullen
Matthew Purcell
Raymond Purdy
Levi Quinton
Crystal Raber
Rachael Ramirez
Drew Ramsey

Mandi Rance
Mallory Rappatta
Aaron Ratigan
Timothy Ray
Kimberly Redden
Rachel Reed
Andrew Repay
Nathan Reynolds

Erik Rhein
Brittany Rigion
Toni Riley
Jeffrey Robb
Alicia Robinson
Kristopher Robinson
Megan Rodriguez
Timothy Rodriguez

Christopher Rogers
Daniel Rogers
Jessica Rogers
Courtney Rogers Sult
Trisha Rogers
Danielle Rosario
April Rousseau
Kassie Rowton

Eric Ruiz
Lindsey Russ
Allison Russell
Lauren Ruzza
Amanda Sable
Jonathon Sanchez
Ashley Sandlin
Kristie Sandoval

Marc Santarromana
Jeffrey Sattler
Sarah Scharpf
Benjamin Schiller
Lisa Schima
James Schneider, Jr.
Trina Schneider
Kelly Schoon

An experienced dancer, freshman Stephanie Tania has been attending Toni's Dance Academy for several years, and as well as being a featured dancer in this year's spring musical "Footloose." She will be a captain for the school's dance team her sophomore year.



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Kim Possible
Lizzie Maguire
Even Stevens
Boy Meets World

4%
19%
26%
51%

FAVORITE REALITY TV SHOW

Survivor
Joe Millionaire
American Idol
The Real World
Fear Factor

4%
5%
21%
22%
48%

Stephanie Schuring

Colleen Scott

John Searer

Brooke Sechrest

Nicole Seefeldt

Michele Serrano

John Serratto

Jamie Shay

Michelle Shearer

Aaron Shebesh

Joshua Shippen

Katerina Sibakoska

Stephanie Simon

Rosalinda Singer

Michael Sinkus

Mitch Slowik

Drakkar Smith

Jennifer Smith

Jennifer Smith

Justin Smith

Korea Smith

Nathan Smith

Teresa Smith

Danny Soria

Nathaniel Sosa

Anthony Spargur

Jennifer Spence

Joshua Stanley

Alisha Stark

Stephanie Starr

Amanda Stasik

Alexandra Stewart

Christina Stewart

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William Stoll

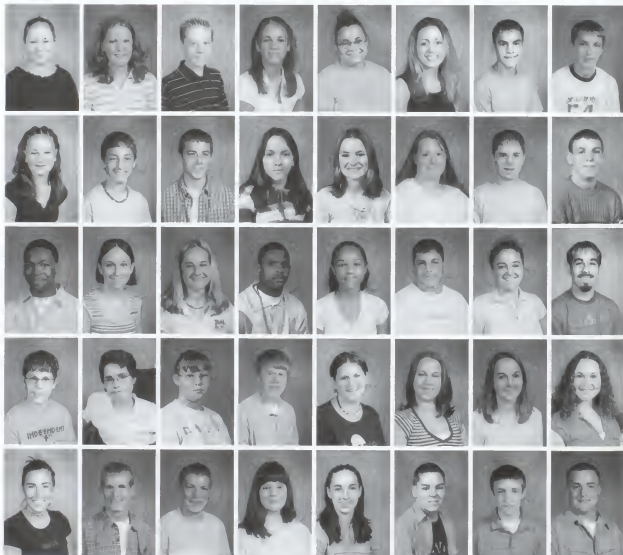
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Sarah Williams
Zachery Williams
Branden Wilson

Dustin Wilson
Zachary Woodall
Philip Wright
Nicole Yates
Michael York
Olivia Zamarron
Amanda Zaragoza
James Zion

Matthew Zmierski
Zachary Zygowicz

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Bonnie Albert
 Marv Allison
 Jane Arden
 Heidi Babcock
 Barbara Blake
 William Bodnar
 Fran Booth
 Carrie Carlson
 Larry Casbon
 Leslee Cashmore
 Heather Castle
 Joshua Cavan
 Jaelynn Chagoya
 Lois Chalmers-Macmillan
 Cheryl Clapp
 Lorrie Cohen
 Barbara Cook
 Sandy Corso
 Kevin Damerell
 James Douglas
 James Downes
 Lydia Duerr
 Donna Dunn
 Maryann Eckhart
 Timothy Eich
 Vicki Evans
 Katie Ewoldt
 Mark Fischer
 S. Eric Floyd
 Darla Foreman
 Vanessa George
 John Goldschmidt
 Melanie Gorden
 Gerald Hale
 Ronald Hancock
 Mark Harsha
 Debra Heitmann
 Sandra Herr
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 Jay Hodges





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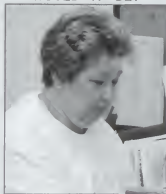
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Teachers Tell All.....

IF YOU COULD GO BACK TO YOUR HIGH SCHOOL DAYS
AND CHANGE SOMETHING, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

"I wouldn't bleach my hair.
Although, that is probably
how I got the nickname
'Rusty'."

-Darla Foreman,
Bookkeeper



"I would have worked
harder as both an athlete
and as a student."

-Steven Bartos,
Math

"I would have started running
a long time ago, to keep
healthy and look better."

-Robert Kania,
Science



He said



"I always pay for our dates,
but I'm using our money, so
it's kind of like we're both
paying for the date."

Richard Mason, Science

He said



"I always pay because it's
the gentlemen thing to do,
and I enjoy being a gentle-
man."

Joseph Sparacino, Math

When you go on a date together, who pays and why?

"Anytime we go out on a
date, it's very special, so
the matter of who pays is
completely irrelevant."

Barbara Mason, English



She said

"Mr. Sparacino always pays
for the dates we go on. He is
quite the gentleman!"

Mary Sparacino, Math



She said

Barbara Lochmondy
Bryan Lochmondy
Jane Lohmeyer
Judith Lowery
Sue MacPherson
Jill Mangold
Bonnie Manuel
Serednyj Margaret



Carrie Martin-Smith
Richard Mason
Robert Mattix
Dan Merrill
Terry Milner
Jill Milteer
Agripina Monsivais
Lisa Moser



Helen Mundell
Marston Mundt
Ralph Mundt
Arlene Neill
Arlene Neill
Linda Oldenburg
Linda Parker
Robert Parker



Sheila Parker
Ruth Parks
Audra Peterson
Timothy Pivarnik
Robert Prellwitz
Caryn Prow
Chris Pruitt
Jennifer Randell



Your students will always remember you for saying...what?

'Caracas, Venezuela.'

Katherine Hites,
Foreign Language



'They will remember me for saying, 'My fine feathered friends,' and probably for smoking chalk.'

-William Schott,
Foreign Language



'Always needing someone taller to get my stuff down for me, especially pulling the overhead projection screen down.'

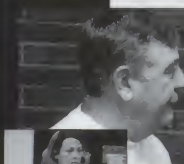
-Marissela Lynch,
Business



'Ah, way!'
David Masty
Foreign Language

'My students will remember me for my Russian accent.'

-Yan Wolfman,
Science



My students say that I will see them in the hallway and say, 'Well, hello there!' in a very low, sincere voice.'

Joseph Stevens
Drama



'Is everybody with me?'
-Carrie Brown,
Science



Teachers Tell All.....

IF GOING BACK TO HIGH SCHOOL, WHAT WOULD YOU DO DIFFERENT?



"I would have stayed in school the full year instead of graduating mid-term. High school truly is the best time of your life."

-Deborah Gannon,
Family Science

"I wouldn't change anything. I was 'involved' in school and I really had a blast!"

-Robert Symer,
Music



"Different underwear. Too tight."

-Dave Hinkel,
Science

SHE said



"I was usually yelling at her about not coming home on time. She never made it in before her curfew, and she always had a curfew!"

Linda Peda, Foreign Language

What were you always yelling?

"In my defense, my curfew was always really early. It was always so early! It kept me out of trouble, for the most part. For awhile."

Melanie Peda, Science



SHE said



Wanda Rice
Virginia Rivera
Carolyn Rodea
José Rodea
Jane Schmidt
Debra Schreiber
Darryl Schultz
Margie Slankowski

Jeff Smenyak
Joseph Sparacino
Mary Sparacino
Cindy Splitterger
Susan Squire
Shelly Steiner
Cynthia Stojic
Madeline Summers

Larry Tharp
Charles Tomes
Gail Trobaugh
Andrea Vedope
Juanita Viera
Michelle Vuok
Donna White
Paula Wieser

Chris Woods
Donna Yaksic
Dawn Yovanovich
John Zack

YOU'RE in charge

high school is a part of growing up. to those who recognize it, the endless array of opportunities with the local community and school prepare students for a positive future. leadership



skills are attained from peers and mentors. clubs and organizations can only make a difference with a student's desire to mold a new idea. every school activity and event is put together by the students and supervised



by the their sponsor. after four years of being guided from afar, a student is ready to take on roles as an individual and realize that essentially YOU'RE in charge.





Exremely weary, sophomore Alexander Passo, sits and waits for his turn at the Quiz Bowl. Passo profitably earned the team some points the night of the Quiz Bowl.

Triumphantly guessing her spelling on a word, senior Michelle Krueger makes the decision that her spelling is correctly done. She earned the team a point..



Has your academic team HELPED YOU IN CLASSES?



"It's helped because through decathlon, I was able to get in depth in more of my subjects when we studied for the competitions."

Senior Glenn King



"Yes, a lot because I didn't know anything that we were going to quiz on. What I'm learning now in geometry, I learned in December."

Sophomore Nina Rodriguez

Academic teams HELP OUT STUDENTS

Every year, groups of students gifted with knowledge in many subjects gather together in a multitude of academic teams. The teams hold competitions and contests testing their comprehension of math, science, and history.

Training for each team takes place at diverse times as the year goes along. Unfortunately, some of the academic teams overlap, so some could not participate in all of the teams they wanted.

Many events take place, including the Quiz Bowl, a game-show style competition testing general knowledge;

Academic Decathlon, which is an overall test of math, English, and science; Super Bowl, is an academic contest in which every competitor masters a specific category that they choose; and finally Spell Bowl, which is a contest focusing only on the spelling of words.

The academic decathlon managed to get 7th in state, which is quite a feat considering the large amount of teams participating. These teams are a great opportunity for students, and many of the students involved have an enjoyable time and learn many important things.



During the Spell Bowl competition, senior Victoria Krueger sits and attempts to spell a word for the Spell Bowl team that day. Krueger productively produced a enormous amount of points that night for the team.

Apprehensively waiting for a word to spell, senior Christopher Rodriguez sits at the Spell Bowl competition. Rodriguez successfully spelled the word right, and earned the team an excellent amount of points that night.



Peacefully awaiting for a question, senior Olivia Morales receives a math equation. Unfortunately Morales did not provide the team with a point for that question.

At the Spell Bowl competition, junior Nichole Wilcox sits and attempts to spell a word for the team. Wilcox successfully spelled the word right, and earned the team a point for that competition.



Anxiously awaiting their turn, the spell bowl team sits and considers the next word. The spell bowl team must work together in order to get things done and earn points for their team.

Before the Quiz Bowl competition started, freshman Kevin Casimer, and seniors Jordan Chaddock and Olivia Morales sit and socialize with each other. The Quiz Bowl won beat the competition that day.



At the quiz bowl competition, junior Jerald Balta concentrates on a complicated math problem. Balta correctly answered the math equation, and earned the team an additional point.



During an intermission at a spell bowl competition, the team sits and reminisces with their other teammates and friends. Some team member needed a break after all of the heated spelling competition that night.

Before correctly answering a history question, sophomore David Hinojosa contemplates over the question before answering it. Hinojosa has been in QuizBowl for one full year.

speech team



Mrs. Judith Lowery, Jessica Hatfield, Jamie Leudtke, Bethany Webb, Aaron O'Reilly, Elizabeth Diltz, Lisa Whitworth, Joel Wekluk, Mrs. Charity Kehoe

After school is a great time to practice for junior Elizabeth Diltz. She also devoted her time as In-Depth editor of the Pow Wow.



Did the speech team IMPROVE YOUR SELF-CONFIDENCE?



"Yes, it did. Being on the team made me feel more comfortable in crowds and around other people."

Junior Aaron O'Reilly



"Yes, it really helps being around people that you can talk to. They became a second family with all the time we spent together."

Sophomore Jamie Leudtke



Emotion is a big part of junior Bethany Webb's performance. She was an alternate for state this year, and helped keep the team's spirits up.

During their duo performance, junior Joel Wekluk and partner, sophomore Jamie Leudtke, enunciate with precision. The pair had an outstanding year.





With great accuracy, freshman Lisa Whitworth speaks to the judges. Lisa competed in impromptu.

Listening carefully, sophomore Jessica Hatfield waits for her next meet. It's always great to take a break.



Speaking in a better prose

The speech team is a team full of dedication, practice, and determination. It is also a team whose competition season last the entire year with very little recognition.

"I love to be dramatic," junior Bethany Webb states. "My event is called dramatic interpretation, and I perform a play all by myself."

The team practices after school from 3:30 to 6:00 depending on the work that needs to be done for the upcoming match.

"We need more members," junior Joel Wekluk addresses. "I feel that we could be a lot better with a more variety of people."

Even though they are a team, they also compete as individuals. One member of the

team made it to state this year. Junior Aaron O'Reilly competed in the poetry event this year. O'Reilly performed 4 to 5 poems all with a common theme or idea.

Speech competition has something for all tastes. The variety of categories include radio, drama, humorous and, dramatic interpretation, prose, poetry, and duo performance to discussion, United States and foreign extemporaneous speaking and debate.

This year has been great for the team.

The new members have learned how to improve speech performances. Next year should be filled with more experience, and hopefully, more members to give the team a shot at state!

story by Kelley Yust

Attending the HOSA Halloween party, senior Damjana Dobras takes some photos of the group playing games. The class also dressed up in their costumes and joined the children in gathering candy from the pinata.

The HOSA banquet was a big hit with awards that the students created themselves because it was much different than traditional ones by other clubs. Junior Amanda Green and senior Adam Gardner presented the awards.

photo by Kathryn Hinkle

photo by Elizabeth Selek

Ready for jobs IN THE FUTURE

HOSA (Health Occupations for Students in America) is a club made for students who have interest in pursuit of a career in medicine.

"After high school, I was thinking of going into the Navy and becoming a nurse. HOSA has taught me a lot about the medical field that will help me in the future," states junior Jennifer Hunter.

Business Professionals of America is also another group that will help out for a student's future. Like HOSA, BPA helps students out by teaching them valuable lessons that can be used in the workplace. Vocational Honor Society,

along with HOSA and BPA, honors the cream of the vocational crop.

All three organizations are meant to help students understand a little bit more about a business or job that they might be interested in. The students have learned many things from being in these organizations.

"I've learned a lot of valuable lessons being in HOSA. I learned that it does not matter how much you trust someone in doing something, rather it's about teamwork and doing the job right. Everyone has to work together to get the job done," states junior Erika Lopez.



A pyramid was built by the HOSA students to see how strong they really are. The students found out that it does not matter how much you trust someone, rather it is whom you want to put your trust in.

Dental health is taught to the youth every year by the HOSA students. Junior Shane Peeler shows a child at an elementary school how to brush properly, and the importance of good and regular dental hygiene.

HOSA



Samantha Heckman, Danielle Lawrence, Jennifer Hunter, Crystal Delgado, Megan Coleman, Tara DeMaria, Julie Luther, Shane Poeler, Bryan Fielder, Krystal Jenne, Sarah Raich, Bertha Morales, Jonathan Beller, Nicole Caudill, Tiffany Gardner, Meredith Stasik, Nicholas Appleman, Caitlyn Sheehan, Laura Anderson, Amanda Staci, Kati Bielefeldt, Erica Lopez, Jennifer Ayres, Marissa Wilken, Leslee Cashmore, Lynn Wilson, Kathryn Hajduk

What do you enjoy ABOUT HOSA?



"I enjoyed our teachers, and being around my classmates. I also enjoyed the concert we ran."

Junior Megan Coleman



"I really enjoyed when we did shadowing because I got to work my dream job for a day."

Junior Julie Luther



Ready to fall into her fellow classmates arms, junior Erica Lopez gives Megan Hommola all of her trust. The trust fall was a big hit to see how much each classmate trusts each other.

After receiving her flowers, Leslie Cashmore gets a hug from Brian Fielder. The HOSA teachers put in an enormous amount of time and effort to make this year memorable and fun for their students.

Students bought each HOSA teacher flowers to show their appreciation. Junior Bethany Webb patiently awaits alongside her classmates to give each educator and mentor their gift of thanks.



photo by Elizabeth Seick



photo by Kathryn Hajduk



photo by Kathryn Hajduk

Halloween is something that everyone should have a chance to enjoy. The HOSA class invited clients from the home they sponsored (which is a yearly event) to come and join in on the fun.

Some might say that looking at the brain of a rat would be something they would rather not see. Junior Julie Luther examines the inside of her specimen including the spinal cord and the brain.

Vocational Honor Society



Amanda Green, Damjana Dobras, Melissa Fontanez, Julietta Concepcion, Nicole Hanna, Crystal Delgado, Bryan Fielder, Julie Luther, Amanda Staci, Bertha Morales, Brian Bissonnette, Matthew Caldwell, Adam Clough, Elizabeth Cooper, Stephanie Erwin, Jacob Fleck, Daniel Greenwell, Eric Hajduk, Brandi Hoskins, Aaron McGuffey, Tiffany Mills, Jefferey Ostapchuk, Jennifer Rance, Matthew Sedoris, Daniel Smeltzer, Jonathan Spurlock, James Stanley, Tim Timpe, Alice Wozniak, Mark Yaksic, Beatrice Zamarron

Business Professionals



Amber Butala, Casey Carr, Brittany Childers, Tara Cooper, Sean Glassford, Bryan Grubbe, John Hilbert, Michael Knickerbocker, Daniel Martinez, Jade Martinez, Amber Morris, Darrin Najjar, Sarah Piezchala, Brett Rogers, Yadira Rosado, Charles Severs.



Easter is always a time to dye eggs. Junior Amanda Green helped some of the children dye their eggs carefully and mess free.

Students attended the challenge education course at Fegely to do some group participation. Trust was a major portion of the trip.

Three members of the National Honor Society sit and discuss the agenda for the night of the banquet. Juniors Susan Doane and Crystal Delgado, along side senior Richard Collins, socialized before they had to get ready for the honorable event.



photo by Kyle Eckman



photo by Kyle Eckman



One of the most rewarding aspects of National Honor Society is the feeling you get when you help out people. Senior Patricia DeBard signs the N.H.S. official book as a returning member.

National Honor Society is quite successful when it comes to charity events for the school and community. Junior Emily Cliver, senior Rebecca Bradford, and junior Jerald Balta, sit anxiously to become members during the National Honor Society Induction.



photo by Samantha Hoopesmaier

What was the funniest MOMENT OF N.H.S.?



"Working with children. The kids always had revelations at school like not being liked on the playground. It was funny to hear that."

Junior Jonathan Ziulkowski



"The funniest moment has to be at Christmas in April. We all decided to have a mud war that day."

Junior Victoria Keyser

National Honor Society

Before the induction, National Honor Society member and senior Thomas Misch sits and talks with another member. Misch maintained composure as he lightened the mood with jovial conversation. Misch also gave the opening statement that night.

As secretary, senior Richelle Alcantara lights one of the five candles of service. Each officer has to light a candle that represent five main points of NHS. The five main points of NHS is character, leadership, scholarship, service, and unity and honor.



Andrew Warren, Alexis Chaddock, Richelle Alcantara, Renee Grant, Carrie Barnum, Mrs. Carrie Brown, Sylvianna Baccarelli, Nathan Ziulkowski, Jonathon Ziulkowski, Thomas Misch, Patricia DeBord, Ashley Biggs, Kara Lane, Elizabeth Secfik, Sheri Levack, Emily Cliver, Susan Doane, Crystal Delgado, Kristin Geros, Nicole McDonald, Lisa Niloff, Anna Rivera, Jeannette Olejniczek, Victoria Keyser, Jessica Cohen, Sarah Cohen, Bonnie Kuss, Lauren Bailey, Brock Shipley, Rebecca Bradford, Timothy Hyde, Lindsey Abram, Caitlin Austgen, Allison Sattler, Matthew Martinez, Zachary Knutsen, Frank Knez III, Richard Collins, Kyle Sweeney, Robert Zilkowski, Joanna Fitzgerald, Daniel Laboy, Jerald Balra, Andrea Najar, Abigail Najar, Jordan Chaddock, Tu Nguyen, Ashley Davich, Stephine Murphy, Cory Monier, Eric Michaels, Amy Engel, Alice Wozniak, Terry Easton, Amanda Diaz, Bryan Fielder



Just like every National Honor Society induction, students always seem to be a little nervous. Junior Ashley Biggs sat calmly in her seat as she waited for her name to be called by the Mr. Kirschner.

The position of Vice President is a big responsibility to take on, but senior Alexis Chaddock accepted the challenge gracefully being a truly active member and leader. On the night of the banquet, Chaddock lit one of the candles that represent the five characteristics those inductees are expected to possess.

After the NHS senior farewell party, sponsor Carrie Brown talks to a NHS member before she leaves for the night. Brown has always supported her National Honor Society students.



Before the senior party, senior Andrew Warren and junior Andria Najar prepare the decorations and other essential things. The party has become a tradition wishing the seniors off to college.



As The National Honor society meeting takes place, senior Renee Grant speaks to her fellow members. Grant was highly active as the National Honor Society's historian, as well as her involvement with varsity soccer.

For media center specialists Arlene Kramer's retirement, NHS created a video for her farewell. Brown and all of the other members wished Kramer good luck in retirement and said their good-byes at their final meeting.





During the National Honor Society's last meeting, junior Carrie Lane talks with her friends before the meeting's conclusion. This is Lane's first year involvement.

Helping out in a CARING WAY

National Honor Society is an organization for students that have been active in volunteering for the community and organizations within the school. The students have tons of fun and just enjoy themselves as much as they can.

"My favorite memory is the new friends that I made. I really just love them all," states junior Andria Najar.

In order to be in National Honor Society, a student has to have a 3-3 grade point average and be involved with two community services. Students also have to be a junior or a senior to be involved.

Some of the many activities in which participates are Christmas in April, the annual blood drive, Winter Homecoming festivities, the mentoring and tutoring children projects at the YMCA, and playing bingo at Miller Merry Manor's nursing home.

"Christmas in April was a day for helping underprivileged people fix their home," comments junior Abigail Najar. "Not only did we help fix their homes, but we also added to the betterment of

Portage."

At the National Honor Society Induction, all of the officers spoke about what it meant to be a member.

The officers: Andrew Warren, Alexis Chaddock, Richelle Alcantara, Renee Grant, and Carrie Barnum, lit one candle each that night which represented the 5 qualities that each new member is supposed to exemplify.

"On the night of the NHS induction, we had a procession when everyone walks in," says senior Carrie Barnum. "We talked about the characteristics of a NHS member, everyone got a certificate and signed their names in the book."

One thing that comes when you're involved with National Honor Society is making new friends and getting to know a little bit more about other people.

"I think the most rewarding part of NHS is seeing the look on people's face after you give the gift of love and caring," states Andria Najar. "I've always wanted to change the world."

Before the NHS meeting was adjourned, junior Erik Scheub works on his homework. Scheub has been involved with many NHS activities such as Christmas in April.



Before the dance begins, juniors sit down for lunch and took a break from all of the fun-filled activities.

For an icebreaker strategy, student council members gather to sing the song, "Singing in the Rain."



To show support, the lunch ladies also take part in the homecoming parade creating a catchy slogan, "lets mash the wolves."



Students are able to enjoy a homemade meal of tacos and rice along with a treat of salsa and tortilla chips.

After welcoming the District One to PHS, Principal Richard Kirchner enjoys the food and excitement of the fiesta.





At the convention, freshman Lindsey Davis, along with other members, wore sombreros and Mexican bliaets.

As homecoming draws near, senior Jessica Sosa helps build their class float but in the end, they lost to the sophomores.



Students get INVOLVED

As with every year, students council is determined to get a majority of the student body to participate in school spirited events and leadership activities.

Although the council is well known and successful, some students are still reluctant to join, often ignorant of the many benefits gained. For senior Richelle Alcantara, "knowing that together we make a tremendous difference," student council is definitely worth the effort. The satisfaction of helping others is a definite reward.

While participating in the

numerous leadership activities, students are able to meet and interact with new people. "The fact that I am able to be apart of a huge group and interact with new people is what I enjoy most about student council," says senior Christopher Rodriguez.

With a strong student body, student council is able to accomplish more than an average council. "Having a successful District One convention was a major goal we have reached," says junior Rachael Sarson.

The council looks forward to making next year just as successful.

student council



Kevin Wall, Tessa Emmart, Alexis Chaddock, Andy Warren, Lindsay Abram, Ashley Davich, Kyle Sweeney, Sylvianna Baccarelli, Olivia Morales, John Andrews, Liz Cooper, Lisa Niloff, Eric Michaels, Ashley Biggs, Diana Trepanier, Crystal Delgado, Kristin Geros, Ava Gibson, Connie Marvel, Angela Perez, Margaret Sabin, Brittany Childers, Stevie Chaddock, Paige Roy, Sarah Tugurian, Jackie Barnum, Carie Andrews, Krystle Dove, Amanda Morales, Rachael Sarson, Trish Sabocik, Veronica Colburn, Elisa Feliciano, Katie Barnes, Anna Fannin, Brent Cook, Jessica Bolint, Jasmine Caraballo, Lindsey Davis, Autumn McCormick, Courtney Rogers Sult, Ali Stewart, Radely Alcantara, Elise Evans, Ali Zuidervleit, Jeremy Legget, Cuyler Simmons, Don Lentz



Behind the scenes of every successful event held by student council, club sponsors Mr. Hancock and Mrs. Lachmondy are greatly appreciated for their hard work.

The two and a half hour bus ride to the student council state convention is worth the wait. Even though the students woke up at 4:00 a.m., they are still very energetic.



Although the props made for the fiesta look simple, it takes many hours of carving and painting to create them.

The fiesta begins with a twenty minute dance showing the audience a taste of the Mexican culture.





What event did YOU ENJOY THE MOST?

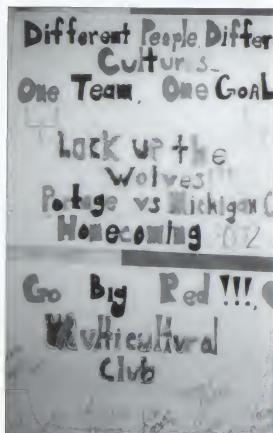


"Camp Cheley in Colorado because it was the most amazing experience of my life thus far and I've met some of my best friends there." *Junior, Ashley Biggs*



"The state convention mostly because the dance was off the hook."

Freshman, Radley Alcantara



School spirit is evident throughout the building as every club participates in decorating for the big game.



Richelle Alcantara and
Barbara Lochmody



Caitlin Aulsten and
David Massey



Schyama Baccarelli
and Madeline Somers



Christine Brockett and
William Schott



Christopher Bush and
Linda Parker



Alexis Claddock and
Joe Stevens



Jordan Claddock and
Marston Mundt



Lindsey Chamberlain
and Nellie Greer



Sarah Cohen and
Larry Tharp



Elizabeth Cooper and
James Muller



Ashley Davich and
Robert Parkey



Patricia DeBord and
Ruth Drake



Amanda Diaz and
Faye Gerardi



Perry Duffee and
Jill Milteer



Amy Engel and
Carrie Brown



Suzanne Harman and
Robert Smyer



Stefani Deschaine and
Michella Vuko



Brandon Howard and
Barbara Kortez



Nicholas Kamech and
Yan Wozman



Andrew Mullett and
William Wilke



Matthew Martinez and
Joe Martinez



Cory Monnier and
Janet Smith



Stephanie Murphy and
Kathy Kotyuk



Tu Nguyen and
William Bonnar



Brock Shultz and
Richard Lynch



Kyle Sweeney and
Donna Yaksic



Alisa Wozniak and
Geri Kotyuk



Rebecca Wyatt and
Lelee Cashmore

photos courtesy of The Times



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Hard work and dedication were an essential part of the high school experience for this year's group of ACES. Senior Alexis Chaddock and her favorite teacher Mr. Joe Stevens pause after accepting their awards.

Apples are FOR ACES

The recipients of this year ACES awards are some of the most academically dedicated individuals at Portage High School. One night out of the year, these students are recognized for their outstanding scholastic achievements.

The students receive a certificate and a medallion, while their inspirational teachers receive a statue of an apple with his or her name engraved on it.

While the tangible awards were well received, senior Stefani Hesseltine admits, "I put the hard work and dedication

into my school work for myself."

The night's festivities included dinner for the students, their guests, and the various faculty members from throughout the Portage Township School System. The students were happy to share their special night with a teacher of their choice as commented by senior Stephanie Murphy, "We got to recognize the teacher who helped us get this far."

The nights also included an exciting but tearful reminder that the end of their high school years is quickly approaching.



photo by Jennifer Demissen

Do you feel your work WAS REWARDED?



"I think that the hard work and dedication that I put into high school was well rewarded."

Senior Andrew Maletta



"Yes, the ACES Banquet was a wonderful and rewarding experience for everyone."

Senior Amy Engel



Teachers were not only chosen from the core academic genre. Senior Caitlin Austgen and her teacher foreign language teacher David Mastey enjoy each other's company while having dinner.

Parents accompanied students to the banquet, to not only show their support, but also be recognized as having a significant role in shaping their children. Senior Suzanna Harman and her mother share their thoughts at dinner.

A chance to be A GREAT WRITER

Publication classes such as Pow Wow and Legend give students the opportunity to write stories and express themselves in a published format. They also show students how to deal with every day situations, such as dealing with problems in the workplace with peers and associates.

"My interaction skills went up since I joined Pow Wow and Legend because communication is a need when you join these classes. I have to work with people to get the right pictures and subjects for my stories," Pow Wow and Legend staff member, senior Kyle Telechan says. "These classes really help me out to deal with people and solve problems that we may have."

Even though publications may have a few late nights, they still get along and get things done. Legend recently had a "Yearbook Lock-in", in February where the staff stayed through the night and early morning accomplishing the completion of many layouts for the book. The evening "field trip" really helped the staff in finishing the book, even though the evening wasn't all work. Staff members decided that midnight was the perfect time for a pizza and movie break.

"Sometimes it's frustrating

trying to get things done on time and making them look good at the same time. Yearbook is a lot of work," senior Jennifer Dennison comments.

Publication classes may be hard work, but they truly are relieving once all of their work is finished on time and deadlines are met.

"People may think that these classes are just blow off classes. They could not be more wrong. Legend is hard work. Not only do you have to meet all of your deadlines and make sure you get your work done, which means hunting down questionnaires and quotes from the people you intend on quoting, but then you have to take all of the elements of a good spread and put the pieces together," states sophomore Amanda Morales. "This class is hard, but it truly is a great class and I have a great time being involved with it."

Truly, newspaper and yearbook are great classes to take if a student wants to explore their options with journalism and writing, and just to have a good time with their friends.

Journalism students learn more about the people, the school, and the community around them. It is as "real-world" as possible might just help decide a career.

What do you do to MOTIVATE YOUR STAFF?



"Sometimes I motivate people by telling them if they're stories don't get done, then their stories won't get published."

Senior Olivia Morales



"I motivate by example. I basically make sure that I get all my work done so they will, too."

Senior Christopher Hopper



Focused only on her page, sophomore Caitlin Bartz works on her opinion page layout before turning it in to the co-editors. Bartz was a second year staff member.



photo by Kyle Telechan

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While listening to music, sophomore Jovanny Sanchez works on his page before the deadline is due. Sanchez was one of the few writers that enjoyed writing about sports.



photo by Kyle Telechan

While sophomore Bobby Gifford stands over senior Kevin Rey to check out his work, they both look at the computer screen to check for mistakes in the stories and the designs. Rey spent three out of four classes fourth term in the publications room as a J-1 student. Pow Wow photographer, and teacher's aide for Karmel.

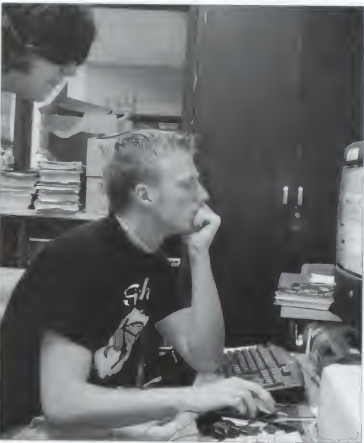


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With the Pow Wow's deadline on his mind, sophomore David Hinojosa looks at his computer tentatively while trying to finish the front page. This is Hinojosa's first year on the Pow Wow staff.

With only seven more weeks of school, senior Kyle Telechan works his last few weeks to the best of his ability. Telechan spent two terms on yearbook and four on the newspaper staff.

Pow Wow



Jovanny Sanchez, Ronald Waters, Jason Feigl, Eric Wilczynski, Matthew Shepherd, Jessica Szabo, Taylor Thorpe, Olivia Morales, Genevieve Nimeth, Jessica Ring, Andrew Adair, David Hinojosa, Elizabeth Diltz, Betsy Robbins, Nicholas Serano, Christina Wiler, Nicholas Mills, Christopher Hopper, Caitlin Bartz, Alison Zuidervliet, Kimberly Nelson, Kevin Rey, Kyle Telechan, Bobby Gifford, Mark Przekwas, and Mr. Mark J. Karmel

Legend



Samantha Hoopingarner, Kathryn Hadjuk, Elizabeth Sefcik, Meredith McLeod, Kelley Yudi, Priscilla Hernandez, Jennifer Dennison, Victoria Velez, Jennifer Wilt, Krisan Cieszkiewicz, Teri Harrington, Ashley Villa, Amanda Morales, Kyle Telechan, and Mr. Mark J. Karmel

Quill and Scroll



Meredith McLeod, Kyle Telechan, Kevin Rey, Matthew Shepherd, Jason Feigl, Nicholas Mills, Kelley Yudi, David Hinojosa, Eric Wilczynski, Elizabeth Diltz, Bobby Gifford, Allison Zuidervliet, Genevieve Nimeth, Nicholas Serano, Kimberly Nelson, Taylor Thorpe, Mark Przekwas, Christopher Hopper, Olivia Morales, Jovanny Sanchez, Samantha Hoopingarner, Kathryn Hadjuk, Elizabeth Sefcik, Priscilla Hernandez, Jennifer Dennison, Victoria Velez, and Jennifer Wilt

While helping out junior Ashley Villa, junior Jennifer Wilt finds some problem areas on the spread and offers her advice. Both girls are first year staff members.

What do you remember the most about the lock-in?



"It was so funny when Meredith McLeod was dancing, that I fell on the floor laughing and everyone asked what was wrong."

Sophomore Kelley Yudd



"Waking up after an hour of sleep to blaring Spanish music over the intercom played by the student council for their fiesta."

Senior Samantha Hoopgarner



Photo by Meredith McLeod



Photo by Meredith McLeod

With the deadline coming up so soon, junior Elizabeth Sefcik works on her varsity boys basketball spread. She was also a member of the volleyball and track teams.

Hard work does pay off in Legend. Sophomore Krisan Cieszkiewicz glances over her yearbook spread before she turns it into the coordinators.



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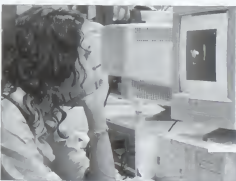
photo by Jennifer Wilt

photo by Meredith McLeod



While working as hard as she can on her yearbook layout, sophomore Teri Harrington laughs with her fellow classmates. Laughter became a great motivator during class.

On the night of the 2002 prom, yearbook photographers take a few seconds to smile for the camera. Sophomores Kelley Yudit and Meredith McLeod, pose with junior Kathryn Hajduk, taking a break from taking pictures for the yearbook.



Patience is needed for Leg- and since the staff decided to use all digital photography on the older school computers. Senior Victoria Velez jadedly waits while she waits for Photoshop to load.

On the night of the yearbook lock in, coeditor, junior Priscilla Hernandez helps out one the students with her layout before she turns it in. Editors have to look over every page before it goes in.

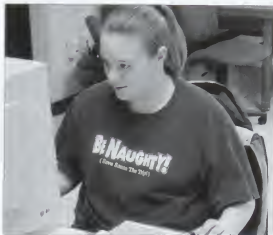
As long as he concentrates junior Jeremy Klingensmith gets his job done. Picking the poems that went into the Saga was hard work because the staff wanted to give everyone a voice.

Something that Saga agrees with is working together. As they helped each other, junior Sallie Martinez and sophomore Christina Webber claimed that it helped to work as a team.



During class, junior David Bocso takes his time and organizes all the student work where he feels it should be. This was Bocso's first time in any type of publications class.

As she types up everything, senior Elizabeth Ailes goes over the work to make sure it is correct. Because it is other students' work, Saga made sure they typed it the way the students intended it to be.





Saga
Joanna Fitzgerald, Christina Webber, Victoria Keyser, Sallie Martinez, Jeremy Klingensmith, David Bacso, Mrs. Lute-Brown, Elizabeth Ailes, Tiffany Malenky and Nicole Wallingford

Little time loads OF EFFORT

Saga puts together the school's literary magazine that includes poetry, stories, and other writings by students.

"Saga is important because poetry is such a big part of some student's lives and it is a way for them to express themselves," stated junior David Bacso.

With the option to take it one term out of the year, there were nine students that took on the daunting task. With the disadvantage of only having it one term, Ms. Mary Lute-Brown thought it still turned out well.

"The students' work impressed me so much. I read almost every poem which was

published and all of them were very good," stated junior Victoria Keyser.

By taking art work and poetry that students wrote, it gave the students a voice. Saga is put together by students with the work of students.

Junior Nicole Wallingford stated, "Having it done by students makes things equal. This way when picking poems and other work by students, the designers think about relating to it just like the other students will."

Being able to help students express themselves is something that Saga members will never forget.

Will your information from Saga be useful?



"Yes it will. Saga really was about organizing skills and that will be helpful in the future."

Junior Tiffany Malenky



"I will use what I learned. Just like people that entered things. I like to write too."

Senior Joanna Fitzgerald

Time for open mike was set aside during the slam for contestants to read other work. Junior Tara Cooper was the announcer for the night.

While reading her work junior Nicole Wilcox speaks with precision. Her work was both original, and artistic. Wilcox came out in third place.

Carefully listening to the contestants, junior Valerie Farley waits before coming up with her final answer. Farley was a judge along with her fellow club members at the poetry slam.



A place to finally EXPRESS YOURSELF

Reading and writing are both key factors of a person's everyday life. Writers Block and the Reading Club give students an opportunity to practice their skills, and show off their hard work.

"In this club, I have learned an abundance of things. I've learned to communicate with others much better than I did before," Junior Coley Wilcox states.

Writers Block lets students write their own work and share it with others.

"This club has really helped me out in my English classes," Sophomore Megan Richmond addresses.

Both clubs are run by Mrs. Lute-Brown and meet every

Thursday at 2:45 in room 225.

The club's big event this year was the poetry slam.

Many students that weren't in Writers Block came to the event and presented their lyrics, poems, and short stories. The five judges whom were members, rated the work and at the end of the night, after three rounds, the best presentations were picked and presented with a special gift from writers block.

Both Reading Club and Writers Block are clubs for anyone who wants to join in on the fun.

Finally, somewhere you are able to present your writing, lyrics, and stories with people who are your best critics, your fellow classmates.





As the contestants present their poetry, Junior Jacob Liesch judges the competition. There were five judges at the poetry slam, writers block big event.

What inspired you to be in this club?



"I love to write and listen to what other people have written for themselves."

Sophomore Megan Richmond



"I really enjoy writing, presenting my writing to others, and seeing their opinions."

Junior Jessica Stanley



writers block



Valerie Farley, Megan Richmond, Jacob Liesch, Tara Cooper, Jason Siroky, Nicole Wilcox, Jessica Stanley

reading club



Valerie Farley, Jessica Stanley, Nicole Wilcox, Victoria Keyser



Original work was performed by junior Jason Siroky. His lawyer poem became a big hit at the poetry slam. Siroky won first place for his composed work.

At a recent meeting, juniors Nicole Wilcox and Victoria Keyser discuss some work. Both attended the Reading Club and Writers Block.

How do you mentally prepare for concerts?



"I like to laugh a lot! It clears my mind so I can concentrate on that night's songs."

Senior Benjie Kuss



"I don't have to mentally prepare. I'm just that good."

Senior William Sumkin



photo by Samantha Hoopes/curator

The chamber strings violin section plays at one of their concerts. This helped the orchestra prepare for their various competitions.

While focusing intently on his music, senior Matt Hinton plays his violin at the pre-contest concert. Hinton has played violin for the last eight school years.



photo by Samantha Hoopes/curator



The "backbone" of the orchestra is the bass section. Freshman Michael Badnor plays along to help keep the orchestra together.

In the orchestra, the different instruments all sit together in separate sections. The violin section worked together to perform their best.



photo by Samantha Hoopinger

There is Always Time for Practice

It is definitely true that practice does improve a performance, and no one knows that better than the orchestra department of Portage High School. Unlike school sports, musicals and plays, and talent shows, the orchestra practices daily all school-year long. As a student walks down the music hall of Portage High School, beautiful music emanates from behind the orchestra room doors. The only reason this is possible is because of the immense dedication that the students have to the class, and the immense amount of practicing

done in preparation for concerts, contests, and judges. Along with practicing for contests such as Solo & Ensemble and ISSMA state contest, this year, the orchestras have practiced extremely hard for the concerts played on our very own auditorium stage. They've done so because a few of the concerts this year were slightly different from concerts done in the past. For this year's Holiday concert and Recruitment concert, both the band and choir sections joined the orchestra to put on a show that incorporated the entire music

story by Victoria Velaz



photo by Samantha Hoopinger



These concert cellists perform their pieces at the orchestra's pre-contest concert. This concert is meant to prepare the students for the judges.

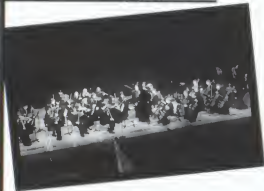
Last minute reminders are life savers. Juniors Kristin Reisinger and Megan Blatsiors take a last look at their music before the night's show.

Chamber Strings



Ashley Barajas, Brandon Biller, Brittany Bowen, Kayla Brooks, Terrance Danapas, Ashley Doering, Melinda Hamilton, Stephanie Healy, Nancy Zakutansky, Amanda Zaragoza.

Concert



Megan Blasiotis, Michael Bodnar, Michelle Carns, JoAnna Castillo, Stephanie Coffman, Mary Craighead, Morgan Ekdahl, Stephen Glaser, Bridgette Harshman, Heather Hufgard, Craig Kmoteck, Alycia Laboy, Jacquelyn Lazar, Meghann Lubeck, Megan Martin, Melinda Mattingly, Jarrett McBride, Alexandra Meneakis, Katie Moehl, Natalie Moyado, Sara Mustafa, Genevieve Nimeth, Kristin Reisinger, Megan Richmond, Sandy Ross, Courtney Rogers-Sult, Colleen Scott, Josh Shippen, Randi Stone, Kandice Wallskog, Matthew Zaper.

Symphonic



Christopher Bolint, Rebecca Bradford, Kelly Canner, Kevin Coffman, Nicole Donahue, Amanda Hagan, Alex Hansen, Matthew Hinton, Geoffrey Kallimani, Brandon Kirkpatrick, Bonnie Kuss, Daniel Laboy, Meghann Lubeck, Rebecca Meyers, Tasha Papachronis, Dalena Raggeri, Priscilla Ramos, Jacquelin Rice, Eric Santeznik, Steven Schultz, William Simkin, Jason, Siroky, Tim Slaton, Jacquelin Slusher, Lynda Stinson, Shannon Stutler, Cassandra Vandergriff, Andy Warren, Lynda Watson, Jana Zervos.



The few days prior to a concert are extremely important. Sophomore Matthew Zaper, and freshmen Michael Bodnar and Craig Kmoteck play along.

The orchestra has to make sure their bow placements are in synch. Freshmen Terrance Danapos and Kayla Brooks try to play their instruments along with each other.



photo by Victoria Velez



photo by Kyle Telechan



photo by Victoria Velez

While using their spare time wisely, Shannon Stutler and Linda Stinson practice. Stutler also participates in symphonic choir.

Although music for concerts doesn't have to be memorized for concerts, freshman Brandon Biller concentrates on his music as he plays.



Do you ever get stressed out before a performance?



"Yes! It's always stressful before contests. Everyone is always trying to learn their parts perfectly."

Sophomore Brittany Bowen



"No, not really. I've been performing for three years in orchestra, plays, musicals, and cheerleading."

Freshman Sara Mustafa



photo by Kyle Telechan



story by Victoria Velez

department into one night. The preparations for this concert consisted of all three sections of the music department independently practicing their individual parts with all of the different music department conductors. Months after the practicing and preparing for the two night's performances, a spectacular show was received by all in attendance. Family and friends, however, are not the only audience that the orchestras needs to have much concern with. There are also several judges that all three of the orchestras perform for. The orchestra students can perform as a large ensemble made up of several students, as

a small ensemble made up of just enough students to cover all of the parts needed in the chosen music selection, or students can also perform as soloists. At the end of the solo and ensemble or ISSMA, each ensemble or soloist receives a judges sheet. On this piece of paper is the ensemble or soloist's score and placement, along with a page full of constructive criticism. After the usual rejoicing due to an immaculate performance, those involved in the annual judging contests use the judge's comments to improve their playing skills for the next year's abundance of competitions.

While playing with the rest of the cello section, senior Michelle Carns concentrates on getting her finger positioning correct.

In order to keep the orchestra playing together, Brandon Kirkpatrick helps the bass section by playing his designated part properly.

marching band



Krista Arvidson, Jerald Balta, Jessica Boer, Ehric Brink, Jeremy Bucy, Kevin Casimer, Rachael Cooper, Sarah Cooper, Theodore Craig, Kate Dierenger, Nicole Donohue, Cody Drees, Kristin Fedor, Sarah Felner, Matthew Fifield, Nathan Hand, Jessica Hatfield, Anne Hogg, Dawn Hood, Lisa Jones, Erik Keever, David Kiszkan, Nickolas Kozik, Melissa Latronica, Robert Leisch, Brittany Lesniewski, Tana Leto, Samantha Lingenfelter, John Ludwig, Justin MacMillan, Vanessa Mayfield, Allysa Medanich, Ross Mcnelewiez, Thomas Misch, Jennifer Mose, Mandi Rance, Megan Richmond, Christopher Rignoni, Tonya Robbins, Elizabeth Ryan, Ashley Sandlin, Kimberly Stafford, Brandy Targgart, Joshua Thorn, Jeremy Walters, Amanda Wathern, Heather Watson, Brian Weiland, Shauna Wetmore, Jeffrey Wilken, Scott Willett, Delanie Yernack

pep band



Krista Arvidson, Derek Bood, Erik Brink, Jeremy Bucy, Kevin Casimer, Rachel Cooper, Cristin Coffey, Theodore Craig, Cody Drees, Elizabeth Ewen, Amanda Feeney, Sarah Felner, Matthew Fifield, Jessica Hatfield, Robert Heck, Christopher Higgins, Jason Huckaby, Lisa Jones, Nikki Jones, Erik Keever, David Kiszkan, Nickolas Kozik, Melissa Latronica, Brittany Lesniewski, Samantha Lingenfelter, Justin Macmillan, Allysa Medanich, Ross Mcnelewiez, Thomas Misch, Josh Mitchell, Jennifer Mose, Mandi Rance, Christopher Rignoni, Tonya Robbins, Elizabeth Ryan, Derek Shelton, Kimberly Stafford, Jessica Szabo, Joshua Thorn, Billy Timmerman, Jeremy Walters, Shauna Wetmore, Jeffrey Wilken, Justin Willbanks, Scott Willett, Jennifer Wilt, Michelle Wright, Delanie Yernack

On the football field, freshman Matthew Fifield is playing the tenor sax. The fast of playing an instrument while marching takes much concentration and coordination.

Prior to the football game, the marching band stands at attention before playing the opening fight song. This is done to achieve a professional and superior appearance from the band.



Bands Keep School SPIRITS HIGH

Marching and pep band are essential parts to school spirit during football and basketball games.

"You have to have dedication for marching band. You have to know when to take things seriously," says junior Kimberly Stafford, "Pep band is more for fun. It's something you don't have to practice for."

Marching band takes place during the football season during half time and they compete the rest of the year. Students must learn to march correctly while playing the memorized music.

The Marching Indians also

make a few local appearances in holiday parades and social functions.

Pep band, on the other hand, plays in the bleachers during the school basketball games. They play fewer songs and do not have to rehearse as strictly as marching band.

Both bands enhance the school spirit at the games and are enjoyable to watch and listen to them perform. They also make the sporting events by helping pump up the Indian fans.

Senior Tana Leto says that "the whole band is a pretty spirited group."





photo by Samantha Hoeflinger

Proudly playing their tenor saxes, junior Jennifer Wilt and freshman Jennifer Mose keep school spirit at a basketball game. The tenor sax is the third largest saxophone of five.

Also a member of marching band, sophomore Jeremy Buoy plays the tuba, a very important instrument. The tuba is the foundation of the orchestra because it has the lowest pitch.



photo by Samantha Hoeflinger



Which is better, MARCHING OR PEP BAND?



"I like both, but I enjoy marching band more. It is more challenging and I have more fun with it."

Sophomore Samantha Lingenfelter



"Pep band is fun because we get to bring school spirit to the students at the basketball games."

Sophomore Vanessa Mayfield



Pep band members play their trumpets to "Hang on Sloopy" and remember to stay in tune. Having good pitch is essential to a quality performance.

To prepare for the next basketball game, senior Erik Keever practices on the drums. Drummers help keep the pep band in sync.

These four flutists must practice intently in concert band. Juniors Amber Macdonald, Lindsey Speer, Rachel Cantu, and freshmen Ashley Edmunds are preparing to play a piece of music.

adv. concert band



Aimee Bass, Jessica Boer, Amber Butala, Michelle Coleman, Teddy Craig, Kate Dieringer, Elizabeth Ewen, Valerie Farley, Kristin Fedor, Joanna Fitzgerald, Suzanna Harman, Dawn Hood, Jason Huckaby, Erik Keever, David Kiszkan, Michael Kushneruk, Anthony Laingren, Steve Lehmann, Eric Michaels, Tarin Milligan, Thomas Misch, Amber Mitckess, Lindsay Owen, Shelley Poznic, Chris Rigoni, Noah Ritchie, Tonya Robbins, Elizabeth Ryan, Derck Shelton, Ashley Sitko, Kimberly Stafford, Kristin Stewart, Nathan Stokes, Katreena Taugher, Jermy Walters, Amanda Wathern, Kristine Wilke, Adam Willford, Delanie Yermack



What influenced you TO BE IN THE BAND?



"My parents and I wanted to try something new."

Sophomore Robert Crescelius



"It is just something I took an interest in at a young age."

Sophomore Aimee Bass



One of the many occasions that that advanced concert band gets to strut their stuff is the fall concert. Here three girls concentrate during the evening's performance.

There is more to music than just playing the notes. Here, sophomore Ashley Craft makes some revisions to her music as classmate Nathan Hand looks on.





Music Brings PEOPLE TOGETHER

While many students enjoy being a part of band, there are some conflicts getting in the way. Block scheduling for one thing, is a major roadblock for some.

"I can't fit a lot of classes in because of block scheduling," said sophomore and advanced concert band member, Steven Lehman. "Block has made it hard for me to handle an hour and a half of band each day, and I am going to have to quit in order to get in some

necessary classes."

This seems to be the sentiment among many band members.

While this poses a problem, it still has not deterred interest entirely. Many students still find participating in band to be a rewarding experience. A large majority have been playing an instrument in band since sixth grade and plan on continuing with their music education.



A concert band performer, sophomore Amenda Ronce shows that practice makes improvement as she blows out notes on her sliding from-bone. She has been playing since her seventh grade year.

Here, juniors Jennifer Wilt and Justin Macmillan practice eagerly with saxophone and clarinet. Practice makes perfect, and these students prove their willingness to do so time and time again.

All That JAZZ MUSIC

Jazz band is different from the other conventional bands because of the music they play consist of jazz, rock, latin, and some pop. All of these types of music tend to be more rhythmic giving the students the chance to play solos and do a greater amount of improvisation.

"I think of jazz band as the most elite of the bands. Jazz band, unlike concert band, focuses on one genre and explores it in more detail. It's also nice because you can really see the passion and dedication everyone has when they fight to play with intensity during the early bird class. The jazz band is filled with very talented and dedicated individuals and I really feel honored to be a part of it," stated saxophonist freshman Kevin Smith.

Members have to audition showing their musical talent for Symer. Only eighteen members are picked to be apart of it. If chosen, the jazz band rehearses every morning from

6:25 a.m. to 7:10 a.m.

Symer feels this year so far has been the best and most successful for the jazz band.

"The jazz band is getting better and better every year and I think by the time I graduate from PHS, the band will become a serious threat again," stated Smith.

Symer has been the jazz band director since 1979.

"Mr. Symer is a good man. A great conductor and a great musician. He is a teacher that actually knows what he's doing. He's a person that is a kid at heart, and jazz band would not be the same without him," explained sophomore Justin Wilbanks.

Being a part of jazz band can be a great bonding experience for a lifetime itself.

"I really enjoy seeing the students learn about this kind of music. Not only do they become well versed in the different aspects of jazz, it becomes a life long interest for them as well," explained Symer.

story by Jennifer Witt



The trumpets stand while playing a soli part during one of the compositions. The jazz band consisted of only four trumpets this year.

While playing the drums junior Derek Shelton watches Mr. Symer to keep tempo. "You just have to feel the music to stay with it," explained Shelton.



photo by Samantha Hopfinger

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photo by Samantha Hoopingarner

In the spotlight, freshman Kevin Casimer's abilities are highlighted during his solo. Casimer won the outstanding freshman award this year at the band festival.



photo by Samantha Hoopingarner



Steven Goheen, Mandi Rance, Christopher Rigoni, Anthony Ortiz, Justin Wilbanks, Jeremy Bucy, Jerald Balta, Derek Shelton, Thomas Misch, Elizabeth Ewen, Steven Lehmann, Nickolas Kozik, Vanessa Mayfield, Brian Weiland, Eric Michaels, Kevin Casimer, Brittany Lesniewski



photo by Samantha Hoopingarner



With their eyes on the music, junior Jerald Balta and sophomores Mandi Rance and Jeremy Bucy play at the annual jazz festival. Playing trombone is considered one of the hardest instruments to play since notes are judged by ear.

In quest of the correct inflection, sophomores Steven Lehmann and Vanessa Mayfield, and junior Eric Michaels listen to each others' sound. Saxophones, especially altos, can easily go sharp or flat.

What makes jazz band fun?



"I enjoy it because it gives me the opportunity to express myself through my instrument in an environment that is fun."

Senior Anthony Ortiz



"The different types of music that we play, and the fast tempos that we play too."

Sophomore Mandi Rance



photo by Samantha Hoopingarner

As one of three seniors, Anthony Ortiz shows the crowd how to play with dignity. Mr. Symer thanked the senior leaders at the year and show.

girls' glee



Brittany Barnett, Holly Benz, Kaylyn Bornhiem, Lisa Casper, Stacy Clarich, Cassandra Creech, Elizabeth Durkin, Sheila Farly, Amber Gentry, Carleen Gonzalez, Tiffany Gurski, Eva Henson, Gloria Hogg, Shirley Hollifield, Jessica Holloway, Kimberly McClellan, Mande Paniaguas, Victoria Pryle, Rachael Ramirez, Tamra Rudzewicz, Trina Schneider, Paige Smith, Teresa Smith, Alisha Stark, Stephanie Stasi, Joanna Stolarz, Crystal Vazquez, Jennifer Waite, Kathleen Wirth, Marissa Wright

symphonic choir



Lauren Bailey, Christopher Boyer, Christine Brockett, Sarah Brown, Daniel Castro, Emily Cliver, Anna Crowley, Alfred Cruz Jr., Mary Dranchak, Amber Edmonds, Adam Garner, Angeline Garza, Ashby Gurgon, Patricia Hatfield, Carolyn Healy, Shirley Hollifield, Matthew Kerns, Samantha Lingenfelter, Nicole Lunn, Samantha Newbeck, Ashley Oliver, Carley Shaffer, Nicholas Sturges, Molly Talbot, Victoria Velez

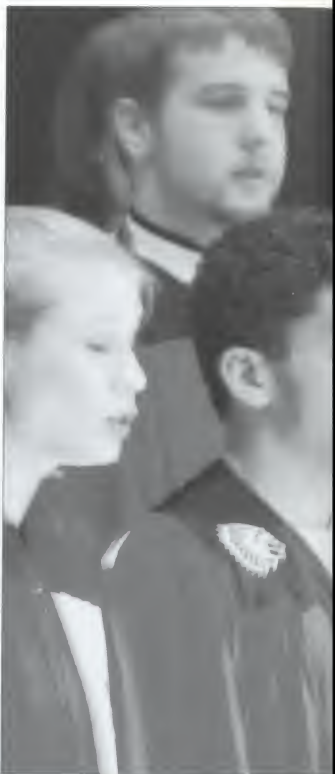
concert choir



Amblea Berryman, Adriana DelReal, Mary Demmon, Samantha Giorgi, Serena Hastings, Crystal Ledger, Rebecca Holt, Jessica James, Steven Johnson, Audrey Kalman, Holly Martin, Carrie Martinez, Michael McCorkle, Mary Porter Sims, Danielle Rader, Sheena Risner, Natasha Schaefer, Crystal Staples, Amanda Wadkins

Symphonic Choir, the most advanced vocal class offered during the school day, shows off their talent during a performance in the auditorium. This was only one of the several concerts they performed.

Festival, a highly anticipated Spring event, was held in the east gymnasium. Junior Matthew Kerns displays his vocal skills while singing a solo for the audience. The night was filled with pop tunes and not so traditional choir pieces.



The **Symphonic Choir**, not only sings, but also performs some dance moves and wears festive attire as they perform a medley of music from the Disney hit "Lilo and Stitch." Disney music was the theme for this years festival.



A night in DISNEY WORLD

The highlight of the choir season is the Spring Festival.

The festival this year had the theme of the wonderful world of Disney. Music ranged from the classics we all know and love to the current movies.

The choirs from both middle schools and the various high school choirs came together to perform a memorable evening.

The singers dressed in festive outfits and often put their lyrics to dance moves in order to get the audience into the spirit with them.

Another event that stands out happens during the Spring Festival is the awards presentation. The seniors and other members of the choirs who have made outstanding achievements during the year are recognized with a plaque or certificate.

This is a particularly special night for the seniors. Each senior is individually recognized by all who attend for his or her talent and many years of involvement in the choir programs.



Members of Girls Glee perform at the pre-contest concert. The concert was given to display contest material to parents and guests.



The symphonic choir dressed in Hawaiian flowers and sunglasses as they performed a medley of Disney movie songs. Several of the members had humorous solo parts to perform as well.



These members of the Girls Glee choir sing for their parents and other guests at a concert given earlier this year. The concert not only showcased the their talents, but also the many other vocal groups at the school.

The lady members of Choraliers act as if their male counterparts are famous pop stars. The acting and many other ways separate the members of this elite choir from the rest.

Singing THE EXTRA MILE

Choraliers, the vocal jazz choir at Portage, is quite unique from the other vocal classes here. This, by audition only, class is made up of the most talented vocalists here and incorporates dance into the performance.

Along with the standard winter and spring performances, Choraliers sing at the Mid-Year Graduation, several churches, restaurants,

nursing homes, and many other places around the area.

The members take their colorful and lively act to assisted living establishments during the holiday season to make the times a little more cheerful for the elderly.

Choraliers is considered a "fifth hour" course, meaning that it meets after school for one hour everyday.



Choraliers is a rare high school class that requires the participant to attend not only classes, but performances after school. Junior Emily Cliver and sophomore Samantha Lingenfelter perform a dance and song at a school concert.

The Spring Festival is a premier event for choir members from the middle schools through high school. The seniors and other award recipients are recognized and the middle school choir members get a small taste of what they should expect.





Festival is the last concert that the senior members attend. Seniors Patricia Hatfield and Christopher Boyer pose during a song.

choraliers



Brittany Barnett, Holly Benz, Christopher Boyer, Daniel Castro, Stacy Clarich, Emily Cliver, Mary Dranchak, Kristin Fedor, Adam Garner, Patricia Hatfield, Carolyn Healy, Samantha Lingenfelter, Samantha Newbeck, Carley Shaffer, Nicholas Sturges, Shannon Studler, Victoria Velez, Marissa Wright



Although, choir takes a lot of hard work, the members show their playful side at the Festival. Sophomore Nicholas Sturges and senior Alfred Cruz show off their moves.



Danielle Abram, Vanessa Arroyo, Jacqueline Barnum, Christopher Boyer, Holly Callahan, Jennifer Cervantes, Randi Colville, Brianna Elliot, Elizabeth Ewen, Kathryn Eyerann, Valerie Farley, Melanie Garner, Francesca Gonzalez, Steven Gossett, Kelly Guba, Nicole Hanna, Jonathan Hilbert, Whitney Hill, Jacquelyn Kennedy, Elizabeth Koonce, Daniel Laboy, Anthony Laingren, Kara Lane, Sheri Levack, Amanda Massow, Daniel Meyers, Nicholas Mills, Joshua Mitchell, Samantha Mitchell, Bertha Morales, Brenden Nastasceno, Lauren Parobek, Nikita Patel, Priscilla Ramos, Nina Rodriguez, Frankie Sanchez, Joshua Sanders, Elizabeth Sefcik, Jacqueline Shelton, Denise Singh, Amanda Stasi, Lindsey Warfield, Bethany Webb, Brian Weiland, Jennifer Wilt, Delanie Yermack, Heather Anthonijez, Jerald Ralda, Stephanie Chaddock, Amy Engel, Elyse Radakovich, Kyle Sweeney, Daniel Bibby, Mikki Debras, Sherry Duffee, Jessica Hatfield, Eric Mundt, Luke Obermeyer, Shelley Poznic, Adam Willford, Melody Young, Jonathan Zulkowski, Allison Sattler, Joel Slankowski

spanish club



Crystal Delgado, Beatrice Zamarron, Jasmine Caraballo, Olivia Zamarron, Courtney Rogers-Sult, Christine Brockett, Lauren Dunning, Priscilla Hernandez, Christina Huizar, Joshua Whalen, Kathrine Proper, Angela Perez, Christopher Rodriguez

french club



Andria Najar, Kathrine Proper, Ryan Smock, Kristin Geros, Jeannette Olejniczek, Alex Hansen, Beatrice Zamarron

For the art OF SPEAKING

For most students, taking a foreign language or studying other cultures fulfills their academic needs, but for some, it's a labor of love.

The foreign language clubs include: Spanish, German, Latin, French, and Foreign Language Honor Society. Another club the students are able to join to get an overview of other cultures is the Multicultural club.

Each club presents different activities for its members which include: celebrations, parties, fund-raising, taking field trips, watching movies, and meeting after school and during resource.

"We designed a wall for homecoming earlier this year and went bowling with the other foreign language clubs. We also participated in the Christmas in April," explained spanish club member, junior Beatrice Zamarron.

Being a member of a foreign language club doesn't just mean you go to the meetings to discuss and learn about the language. You also get opportunities to socialize, gain many strong friendships among different members, and entertain yourself and others around the community.

The multicultural club entertains the student body differently than the other clubs by sampling different ethnicities such as: the Horace Mann Drill Team, Serbian dancers, and the Ebony Majestic Choir from Indiana State University.

"I really enjoy it when the rest of the student body tells me how much they enjoy the performances we bring to the school," explained advisor Marissela Lynch.

A large majority of student clubs will accept anyone willing to join, however induction for FLHS is a selective process. In order to be inducted as a member, three consecutive A's are required in any foreign language.

"I could not have been more surprised, because I had forgotten about the three A's in a row rule, which qualified myself. I was also happy my family was proud of me," stated junior Valarie Farley.

Whether or not being inducted or willing to offer your time to an activity, joining a club is beneficial to everyone involved. Not only do the members give their time, and energy, but they also profit from all their hard work.

Fresh food and friends make a great combination. Sponsor Katherine Hites and freshman Jasmine Caraballo dine with the spanish club at Fiesta Mexico after school.



photo by Teri Harrington

photo by Kevin Key

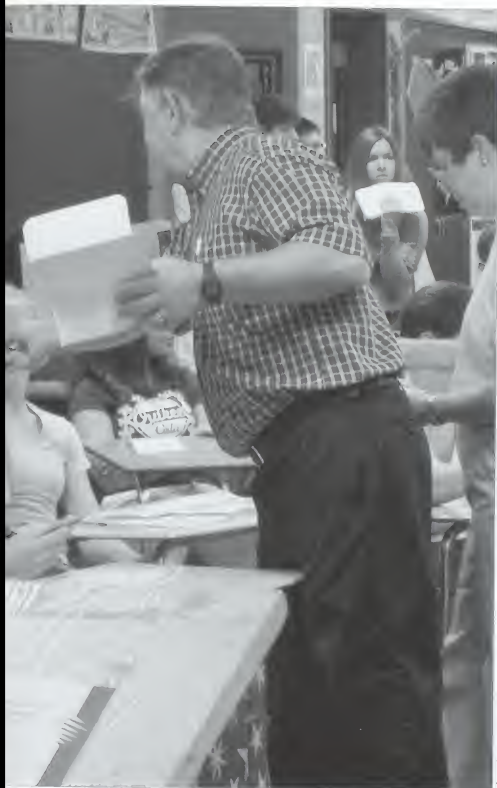


photo by Dustin Foster

Excellence in any foreign language is a great accomplishment for many students. Teachers William Schott and Katherine Hites awarded FLHS inductees during resource hour since the ceremony was cancelled.

Teens socializing is not a new sight when visiting any theme park. Here, senior Corey Monnier chats with freshman Radley Alcantara and sophomores Stephanie Chaddock and Maribel Deseles at Six Flags.



photo by Jennifer Witt

What makes your club different than others?



"We all are really close to each other and we are not in it just for fund-raising, but also socializing."

Junior Katherine Proper



"I like the spanish club, because I get to share my interests of other cultures around other people."

Freshman Josmine Caraballo

photo by Jennifer Witt



After finishing her meal at Fiesta Mexico, Freshman Courtney Rogers-Sult takes a sip of her soda. Members in the club learned about the different ethnicity and then tried it out for themselves.

Decision making is difficult when thinking about everyone's wants and needs. Juniors Beatrice Zamarron and Crystal Delgado try to do just that when searching for a restaurant in which to eat.

Clubs have many fund-raisers throughout the year. Sophomore Kristina Pekovic dances with her church group to help support the group.



photo by Jennifer Wilt

While choosing a restaurant to eat at, advisor Marissela Lynch suggests the Pantheon. The club paid for their dinners with leftover money from fund-raisers.



photo by Dustin Fowler

photo by Jennifer Wilt



Club advisers do have a lot on their shoulders at times with all the extra work they have to keep up with, but the fun at the end is all worth it. Latin teacher William Schott ponders the big payoff as he rides the carousel at Six Flags.

Entertainment helps to get students interested in all sorts of clubs. Multicultural brought in Serbian dancers to get the juices flowing.

photo by Jennifer Wilt



What was your favorite activity you did this year?



"I had a lot of fun selling candy, and this year we took a field trip to Six Flags and we had so much fun."

Sophomore Maribel Desles



"I really liked the leave taking for community service, because it was a group effort."

Sophomore Sarah Santana

Water is a must have when on your feet all day. Sophomore David Kendall stops to buy a refreshment from the nearest vendor.



photo by Justin Foster



photo by Jennifer Witt



New fund raising ideas can be hard to come by, but with a lot of thought Multicultural Club was able to bring something new to the table. Senior Elizabeth Cooper counts out smiley stickers to distribute among students wanting to wear a hat to school for the day.

Multicultural also had the Horace Mann Drill Team visit at lunch. It was a great way to get students interested.

multicultural club



Jasmine Caraballo, Alejandro Chavez, Julietta Concepcion, Michelle Conn, Elizabeth Cooper, Yassin Corral, Crystal Delgado, Rachel Lake, Jade Lopez, Rosa Munguia Ares, Bertha Morales, Tegan Ortiz, Angie Perez, Sarah Santana, Courtney Rogers-Sult, Jessica Szabo

german club



Luke Melton, Christopher Nichols, Jonathon Ziulkowski, Christine Brockett, Alan Fenga, Luke Obermeyer, Joel Keel, Rachael Hewitt, Susan Doane

latin club



Mike Pankowski, Elizabeth Cooper, Ashley Davich, Jade Lopez, Bonnie Kuss, Shannon Jones, Sammie Meints, Estelle Balunda, Brandon Wick, Carley Shaffer, Maribel Deseles, Brandon Kirkpatrick, Jessica Dame, Natalie Kovachevich, Rachel Kanich, Lisa Whitworth, Sylvianna Raccarelli, Christine Brockett, Johnathan Davis, Kaylyn Bornheim, Nicholas Walla, Carrie Barnum, Miranda Tarnietto, Randi Pittman, Matthew Kerns, Jason Siroky, Kevin Coffman, Dustin Foster, David Kendall, Steven Rosenbaum, Kyle Dean, Joshua Duboch, Brandon Biller

Homecoming was one of the events JROTC participated in this year. Junior Eric Peterson stands with his arm and sword outstretched at the game.

Help and guidance are strongly promoted, as demonstrated by sophomore Diana Harrington and freshman Rochelle Anderson.



Photo by Jennifer Demison

For what reasons did you JOIN ROTC?



"It is a lot of fun. You earn respect and build character, and it's all about meets."

Junior William Jacob



"I joined to have some training to go into the military and I like the civic services projects."

Senior Wendy Sarkkinen



Photo by Jennifer Demison

Civic Services An IMPORTANT PART

The members of Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps are well known throughout the school as being all about work and no play. This, however, is not the case as any member would be quick to tell you. While the program does promote physical fitness and the ethic of hard work, the members also participate in a variety of community service oriented projects. These included but were not limited to: raking leaves, shoveling snow, conducting traffic in the parking lots for school events, and collecting food and money for the Portage Food Pantry.

Story by Jennifer Demison

The program also encourages leadership, character development, self-esteem, and discipline. All of these combined are considered to be essential life skills for life out of school.

Junior and Captain Michael Brunzman states, "I will take with me the great leadership skills that I have acquired while being in this program".

Brunzman has been in the program since his freshman year and has plans to continue on through his senior year. Many members also attended another successful and annual JROTC Ball.



Photo by Jennifer Demison

Proper donning of the uniform is required of the members. Sophomore Ryan Jacob stands waiting for inspection.

Cooperation is very important in the course. Major John Johnston goes over some papers with sophomore Daniel Nowaczyk.



Photo by Kyle Lechman



Photo by Elizabeth Seick



Photo by Jennifer Peniston

Exact placement of items, such as ribbons and medals, on the uniform is part of the grade for members. Freshman David Ferguson is being examined by Major John Johnston as sophomore Amanda Kapalko looks on.



Photo by Jennifer Peniston

Exhibition Drill

Michael Brunzman, Joshua Castleman, Amanda Clark, Ashley Hart, Amanda Kapalko, Heather Kittle, Eric Mays, Sean Meehan, Nicole Mitchell, Daniel Nowaczky, Michelle Parker, Linda Rodriguez, Yessenia Rodriguez, Michael Smith, Alexis Strbac, David Wright, Matthew Rose, Christopher Scholar, Melany Soto, Anthony Szymanski, Tyler Vincent

MCJROTC

Steven Sabich, James Whelchel, Jean Wiatrowski, Christopher Allmandinger, Kevin Arcend, Angela Bool, Gregory Dahl, Elizabeth Durkin, Elizabeth Hudson, Steven Kowalczyk, Daniel Lawson, Michael McCorkle, Charles Munsell, Joseph Pankiewicz, Anthony Powell, Timothy Ray, Lindsey Russ, Jashan Brewer, Adam Cook, Kali Foytcek, Louis Gallegos, Christina Hancock, Stephen Kometz, Jennifer Maisonneuve, Lucas Obermeyer, Wendy Sarkkinen, Catelinn Tibbetts, Misty Vickery, Antionette Vulpitta, Cody Drees, Serena Hastings, Crystal Hepner, Maria Hernandez, Joshua Hobson, William Jacob, Steven Johnson, Keith Kaminski, Moises Lopez, Gary Lovingood, April Mullins, John Palmer, Glenn Taylor, Michelle Plotke, Shena Stacey, Carissa Torres, Chance Matthews, Eric Peterson, Rochelle Anderson



Photo by Jennifer Peniston

Intently studying from a clipboard, Junior Theodore Craig readies himself for an upcoming test. Much emphasis was placed on grades not only in JROTC, but all of the courses that students took throughout the year.

Students line up for inspection at the start of class each Friday, a process that has become second nature to the members. Junior Brandon King and freshman Raymond Lawrence wait for their moment of truth.



Originality put together WITH IMAGINATION

The original idea featuring cardboard board boats began in 1974 at Southern Illinois University. Now, regattas are being enjoyed by more than 1,500 competitors and more than 100,000 spectators across the country each year.

This year's second annual Cardboard Boat Regatta, sponsored by the junior class, entertained much of the community.

"It is our prom fund-raiser," stated junior Kristen Geros who was in charge of organizing the event.

Contenders followed a few basic rules in order to participate in the competition. Some even took advantage of the allowed use of wooden oars.

Seven boats were cast for the

first three heats. They each made an effort to make it around the twenty-five yard pool. How far they went depended on how highly structured their boats were made.

"We only spent a couple hours putting together our 'Hippo.' We could have done a lot more to make it better," said sophomore David Reisen.

There was a return of success for last year's champions, sophomores Matthew Engel and Adam Kilgore in their masterpiece, 'Can't Touch This', in spite of having to redo their last lap after not reaching the end of the pool.

Better luck next year to participants vying for the coveted, cardboard boat regatta first place trophy.

story by Ten Harrington

photo by Elizabeth Selek



Dressing up and posing in different costumes can be the most enjoyable part of any competition. Teachers Dan Merrill and John Zack prepare to descend into the pool wearing viking helmets.

Racing the pledge has become a weekly routine at Portage High School this year after disagreements over the words "under God" spread overnight across the United States. Students took part in showing their pride for our country before the races began in the east pool.

photo by Elizabeth Selek



The races began in the early afternoon. Boaters all paddled their hardest in a cutthroat manner.



Photo by Elizabeth Selek

Freedom of speech was taken advantage of this year. The student body expressed their feelings towards Iraq and al-Qaeda in many different ways.

Some students found materials for their boat in the most unusual places. Seniors Ashley Davich and Richelle Alcantara, who both work at the Portage Nine, jumped in the dumpster there and took out boxes to build The Asian Sensation. They also decorated it with Chinese takeout boxes to add to the festivities.



Photo by Elizabeth Selek



Photo by Elizabeth Selek

What advantages did you have over others?



"Our boat was built better because we used a lot more duct tape than the other teams. What else can I say?"

Sophomore Matthew Engle



"David and Thomas never stood a chance because their boat was a hippo and we built ours better."

Sophomore Adam Kilgore

Ready to capture the title from the reigning champs are sophomores David Reisen and Thomas Mayoch III.

Using twenty-five rolls of duct tape to hold their boat together, freshman Sheri Kiszkan and senior David Kiszkan wait patiently for the judges decision on what they felt deserved the title of Most Creative Boat. After winning the prize, Jeckyl and Heidi, was on display in the commons for the rest of the student body to admire.

As sophomore David Reisen looked 'The Hippo' over, sophomore Phillip Cowger pretends to hit him with a wood ear. Competition was high throughout the day. Rules for the regatta stated only two persons were allowed per craft. Cowger helped his team by preparing them for heats and trying his best to eliminate their enemies.

photo by Elizabeth Selek



photo by Elizabeth Selek



Could you have built your boat better?



I could have made better paddles. We couldn't have done much more. We already used six layers of duct tape.

Senior David Kiszkan



We could have spent more time on it and used more duct tape. Matt and Adam deserve no recognition.

Sophomore Thomas Mayoch

The look of disappointment adorns the faces of sophomores Alfredo Sanchez and Bradley Kemp after their boat fell apart.

photo by Elizabeth Selek



Photo by Elizabeth Selek



Setting their boat in the water sophomores Matthew Engle and Adam Kilgore managed to take the trophy once again.

After their boat sank for the second year in a row, Dan Merrill and John Zack had no problem turning their frowns upside-down.

Photo by Elizabeth Selek



Photo by Elizabeth Selek



Photo by Elizabeth Selek

Doing their best to judge each boat fairly, Barbara and Bryan Lochmandy take part in the competition.

Paddling with all their might was not enough for sophomores David Reisen and Thomas Mayech III to win.

Continuously focused on his drawing helps sophomore David Reisen become more dedicated on his art project.

As junior Vanessa Monens concentrates on molding her clay bowl, she begins to realize that she is almost done.



photo by Jennifer Wilt

Assigned as a class project, students work on their portrait of a unknown face this shows their artistic ability.



photo by Ashley Villa

What made you join the club?



"Being in the club gave me the opportunity to be more involved in what I'm going to do for a living."

Junior Roberto Balderras



"I believed that the club would prepare me to be more creative for my future in college."

Senior Sherry Duffee



photo by Jennifer Wilt

While placing little bits of clay on her bowl, sophomore Melissa Mullin, conversates with her fellow classmates.





photo by Jennifer Wilt

Art being created in the BLINK OF AN EYE

Art isn't always about construction paper and markers. For the students in the art club, art is a relaxing thing that they love to do and lets one express how they feel with the outcome being something outstanding.

Painting, sculpting, and drawing are just some of the aspects that they work with.

"I love working with clay. I have made many pots on the wheel," said sophomore Christina Webber.

Many artists such as Picasso and Michaelangelo, along with many other artists express their feelings in their

work, as do many of the art club students.

"It is interesting how other artists use different imagination to produce the most amazing art," commented senior Sherry Duffee.

Inspiration comes from their imagination or what the mood is that they are in. Visualization also inspires them to paint and whatnot.

From the previous years, the art club has done many projects exploring the different aspects of art that you can see around the school today and they continue that tradition every year.



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Diligently working on her drawing, senior Joanna Fitzgerald works hard on her still life drawing of a rose.

Slowly twirling clay, senior Francesca Gonzalez works hard on her clay bowl project that was assigned to the class.

Talent is an important aspect that one will gain while in art. This is a picture drawn by a very talented sophomore.

Among fellow members, senior Alexis Hernandez shares some of her favorite moments of the year.

photo by Meredith McLeod



photo by Meredith McLeod



Having a goal for A JOB IN THE FUTURE

E-Club is something that can be beneficial for students in the future. The environment is set to learn about business, and to develop skills.

"Our mission is to develop our entrepreneurial skills and expand our horizons, therefore empowering ourselves to take charge of our lives." Sponsor Sheri Ruge states.

E-club is offered to anyone from the ages of fourteen to nineteen, and helps students work in an environment that could be their future workplace. The students work along side, and help each other out.

"My favorite moment of the

year was when we collected money in front of Wal-Mart because we were helping a good cause." Senior Glenn Taylor addresses.

The students attend a camp in the summer titled e-Camp. It's a week long camp held at Valparaiso University.

"The youth get the opportunity to experience college life for a week. The students listen to speakers about business, and also do projects related to starting and owning a business," Ruge states.

E-Club is a group that offers great experiences so students can get a jump start on their future endeavors.

Considering the possibilities presented to him, senior Glenn Taylor works on a hypothetical business plan. Taylor has been a member of e-Club for four years.

photo by Meredith McLeod



Anxiously awaiting their pizza, the club members gather around sponsor Sheri Ruge. The end of the year party was a way to send off the senior club members.

e-Club



Adam Clough, Alexis Hernandez, Tabbitha Vicari, Glenn Taylor, Hillary Woloshansky, Jonathan Taylor

What are a few words ABOUT E-CLUB?



"E-club will help you become what you want to be and help you get what you want out of life."

Senior Adam Clough



"E-club is a lot of fun. You really make some good friends, and learn about business that will help you out in life."

Senior Tabbitha Vicari

photo by Meredith McLeod

Next to their fellow members, senior Jonathan Taylor and junior Hillary Woloshansky discuss their favorite moments of the year. Both enjoyed collecting money for needy families at Thanksgiving, and doing things for a good cause.



Tae Kwon-Do



Ally Bendt, Billy Jacob, Lana Borash, Stacy Borash, Shannon Jones, Emily Pruitt, Randi Pittman, Kevin Arend, Bob Crecelius, Steven Johnson, Tom Daniel, Scott Willett, Cody Drees, David Montgomery, Mr. Jose F. Rodea

For these members of Tae Kwon-Do Club, practice is required in and outside of school. Students fulfill their after school commitment by doing partner work at a regular one hour meeting. Members also work on memorizing and executing a form to upgrade in rank.

Tae Kwon-Do Club members must learn to work together to gain self-discipline. Freshmen Randi Pittman and Stacy Borash concentrate on their martial arts techniques. Meetings usually consist of a general routine of grappling practice, kicking, and working on hand and foot techniques.



photo by Amanda Morales



photo by Amanda Morales

Students must work together at practices to perfect their techniques. Here, sophomore Kevin Arend holds the target for his fellow novice to practice her kicking skills on.

An avid group member, sophomore Robert Crecelius works on improving his martial arts skills. Crecelius is currently an orange belt working to obtain a green.

How has Tae Kwon-Do impacted your life?



"It has given me more respect among friends of mine because they all see my dedication."

Junior William Jacob



"It has really helped my attitude and I am not in fights every day."

Junior Ally Bendt



photo by Amanda Morales

photo by Amanda Morales



Tae Kwon-Do

A sport of discipline

What does it take to participate in Tae Kwon-Do? A lot of hard work, dedication, and a disciplined mind. "Tae Kwon-Do teaches self-discipline and, in my opinion, self-discipline is the best kind," remarked junior Ally Bendt. Bendt plans on continuing with her education in martial arts at the Golden Dragon Academy in the areas of Karate, Judo and JuJitsu. She feels that being involved with the sport has really helped her keep a positive attitude and stay out of fights in school.

Tae Kwon-Do practice has proven to be more time consuming for some than others, but helpful in any light. The group practices on Tuesdays and Thursdays from about 3:15 to 4:15. Each student is expected to practice daily for at least an hour individually. "Taekwondo keeps me in shape mentally just as running does physically," said junior William Jacob. This opinion seems to be one that is shared among the club's members as well. Meetings follow a general routine beginning with kicking,

grappling, and working on hand techniques.

The great thing about a Tae Kwon-Do program being open to our high school is the convenience it provides. "I always wanted to join but never got the incentive to," said sophomore Robert Crecelius. Mr. Jose F. Rodea, a Spanish teacher, is the sponsor and is a 2nd Dan Black Belt. How lucky we are to have someone with that talent willing to share his experience with students.

While the club participates in no competitions within the school, they are encouraged to take classes and compete with other organizations. In order to move up in belt ranking, a student must learn the necessary kicks, hand techniques, and a certain form or foot movements. That individual will be presented with their upgraded belt at a ceremony where they are tested on their ability.

Tae Kwon-Do is an amazing art that enhances more than physical capability and requires a certain amount of discipline and training.

Photo by Amanda Morales



Here Spanish Teacher Jose F. Rodea instructs students on the finer points of Tae Kwon-Do. He is a 2nd Dan black belt.

To assist the singers at the end of the year banquet, sophomore Jana Zervos avidly plays the piano. Later that evening, she was given a special award for being the pianist for "Footloose".



Photo by Kristin Cieckiewicz

Thespians RUN THE SHOW

"Out of all the things that I have ever participated in, thespians has been, by far, the most rewarding experience throughout my entire high school career," says senior Jonathon Ziulkowski.

The thespians are an organization that sponsors the fall play, spring musical, variety show, and other such events for the school.

"It is such a marvelous organization with very diverse positions where everyone can find something to contribute," says senior Alexis Chaddock.

The wide variety in which a

thespian can participate in is what appeals to most. They can work backstage with sound and lighting, sell advertisements to raise money, have an acting role in a play, and much more.

There are also Halloween and Christmas parties and the end of the year banquet with entertainment and awards.

The seniors even get to go to Chicago for dinner and to see an evening of comedy at Second City.

Sophomore Katie Nelson says that, "anyone can be a thespian. It is a fun learning experience."



While at the Thespian Halloween party, students play a grab bag game for prizes. Junior Susan Doane, who is adorned in cowgirl apparel, reaches for her prize of candy and toys.

What is the best part OF BEING A THESPIAN?



"The friendships you build with the people involved in the plays and just being onstage is the best."

Junior Emily Chiver



"Participating in the productions and the parties is my favorite part about being a thespian."

Sophomore Bre Hatrick



Photo by Kristin Cieckiewicz



photo by Kristin Cieslewicz

Cast with a principle role in the fall play, "Welcome to the Monkey House," sophomore Ashley Craft satisfies her hunger of the banquet. Soon after, she was nominated for a Featured Acting Award.



photo by Kristin Cieslewicz

The end of the year banquet provides entertainment, an award presentation, goodbye speeches, and dinner. For some, their last moments on the Portage High School stage are spent at the banquet.

thespians



Aaron Bloomfield, Alexis Chaddock, Jordan Chaddock, Susan Doane, Stephanie Ervin, Brie Hettrick, David Hinojosa, Joshua Mitchell, Amanda Morales, Olivia Morales, Katie Nelson, Christopher Nunley, Tu Nguyen, Sarah Piesyehala, Meredith Stasik, Jessica Szabo, Kevin Wall, Jana Zervos, Jonathon Ziulkowski



photo by Kristin Cieslewicz



photo by Kristin Cieslewicz

At the banquet, senior Thomas Misch amused his audience by juggling several different items at one time. From a bowling ball to clubs, each was just as impressive as the next.

With awards in their hands, Mr. Michael DePasquale, Mr. Patrick Maady, and Mr. William Badnar await to present them to deserving thespians. Such awards include Most Valuable and Featured Actor.

As an entertainment piece for the thespians' end of the year banquet, senior Olivia and sophomore Amanda Morales sing a duet. The song, entitled "I Will Never Leave You," is from the Broadway play "Sideshow".



Mr. Mark J. Karmel, Eric A. Smith, Richelle Alcantara, Bryan Fielder, Samantha Hoopingartner, DeAnna Perez, Brock Shipley, Michael Hutchins, Scott Riley, Suzanna Harman, Casey Carr, Richard Collins, Mrs. Kelli Ellis, Carrie Barnum, Jason Siroky, Ronald Blaney, Elizabeth Cooper, Lauren Bernsten, Adam Hasiak, Aaron McGuffly, Mark Weidenaar, Jonathan Andrews, Matthew Hoover, Mrs. Barbara Lochmody, Renee Grant, Allison Zuidervliet, Mrs. Michelle Steiner, Brian Golarz, Mrs. Lynn Wilson, Emily Salsstrom, Mrs. Vanessa George, Jacob Leisch, Mark Yaksic, Ms. Kerrie Forsberg

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Carrie Barnum, Rachael Cooper, Patricia DeBord, Crystal Delgado, Damjana Dobras, Ava Gibson, Matthew Kerns, Zachary Knutsen, Christine Lozano, Andrew Maletta, Angela Mitrisin, Cory Monnier, Stephanie Murphy, Lisa Niloff, Christopher Naylor, Mark Przekwas, Caitlin Sheehan, Joel Wekluk, Jennifer Wilt, Nick Hamman, Jade Lopez, Olivia Morales, Maureen Pull, Richard Collins, Kevin Wall, Alexis Chaddock, Mrs. Kelli Ellis, Mrs. Lynn Wilson, Mr. Mark J. Karmel, Mr. John Michael Hutchins, and Mrs. Linda Parker, Ms. Kerrie Forsberg



On only four hours of sleep, senior Alexis Chaddock fights the temptation to sleep while listening to Mr. Mark J. Karmel speak on Sunday. Chaddock still stays awake while lying comfortably on a carpet square on the floor.

In a group discussion, junior Matthew Kerns and senior Cory Monnier look to Mrs. Kelli Ellis as she explains one of the concepts about the weekend. Personal limits and time management are a few of the various topics talked about.

You've got a FRIEND IN ME

It is 9:38 on a Friday evening. The classic student expectation is going to a game, watching a movie, or simply just hanging out with friends.

Twice a year, two separate groups of 30 students give up their weekend for an opportunity that most juniors and seniors do not get.

Natural Helpers is a retreat based not on academic grades, athletic prowess, or even popularity. It is a chance for a diverse group of people to set aside their expected roles.

"I thought it was going to be like a field trip," stated junior Matthew Kerns, "I didn't expect it to be so deep."

While definitely not a field trip, it provides retreatants an unparalleled life learning opportunity.

"I believe that the purpose of retreat was to bring us closer together and to help make us better people," junior Joel Wekluk states.

Students are picked by their peers in an anonymous survey where they are asked two simple questions. 'What friends do you confide in with your problems?' and secondly 'what teachers do

you feel comfortable discussing personal problems with.'

"It was crazy that a weekend on retreat made me feel closer to some people than four years of high school," said senior Stephanie Murphy.

Through a variety of discussions and activities, the students learn strategies and methods that help them deal, not only with the problems of others, but how to manage ones of their own. They learn that to love others they must love themselves first.

"I think that being a good friend is the most important thing in life," said senior Richard Collins, "If you can't be a good friend, then life really isn't worth much."

The retreat begins Friday after school and does not let up until a busload of physically and emotionally drained students return Sunday evening.

The time at retreat seems to stand still as the participants find themselves involved in a variety of activities consisting from one-on-one to small and large group settings in the quest to learn some valuable lessons.





Saturday afternoon, Mrs. Kelli Ellis and girls counselor Kerrie Orsberg instruct half of the retreatants outside on the upcoming activity. It was important for them to listen intently to prevent from hurting themselves or someone else during the avocation.



Alone against the wall, senior Lauren Berntsen steals a moment of relaxation by propping her neck up and laying down. One fact known by most about natural helpers is that sleep is in rare supply during the retreat.



The retreatants and staff members take out a moment to ponder a question that is asked. Junior Jason Siroky, seniors Suzanna Harman and Eric A. Smith, and junior Mark Weidnaar spent significant amounts of time together.

A majority of the activities during natural helpers take place during the second day of the retreat. On that Saturday, junior Rachael Cooper cut out phrases and pictures from old magazines for one such activity.



Without any furniture to lie down on, the participants look towards each other for comfort. After the long conversations with each other, the students had no problem clumping together.



Eyes focused on the rest of the group, juniors Jennifer Wilt and Ava Gibson wait as one of the other students relates a story about his life. One of the lessons learned is that a helper should listen twice as much as she speaks.

Just back from a filling lunch, senior Brock Shipley, and juniors Bryan Fielder and Michael Hutchins gather next to each other to form a circle. After all meals, the students meet back at the main lodge to discuss the next activity.



Is it what YOU EXPECTED?



"No it was different. It was better than I expected. Even the people I thought were stuck up. I trusted."

Senior Damjana Dobras



"Yes. I kind of expected to have a lot of experience with other people I don't know. I had a lot of fun."

Junior Casey Carr



A special moment is taken by senior Patricia DeBard and junior Crystal Delgado to show each other some needed affection. The weekend has been known to make acquaintances close and friends closer.

For the second time as a counselor, Scott Riley attends the retreat having as much fun goofing off with Mrs. Kelli Ellis as he has in past retreats. Riley and Ellis have become good friends over the years.



all shades of



before every game, athletes suit up in their red and white attire in hopes to hype up school spirit and motivate the team. support from classmates encourages the players to heighten

their goals and compete not only against their rivals but themselves.

a single point, a tenth of a second, or a step ahead can be critical factors in a team's victory



or defeat. to an athlete, the sport may become the focus of their life during the season.



being in a sport can cause major ups and downs creating an emotional roller coaster. these mixed feelings

contribute to all shades of RED.

SWEATIN'

up the miles

story by Kelley Yude

Cross Country is more than just running. It is dedication, patience, confidence, time, and good, old-fashioned hard work.

"Cross country is a fun sport and it keeps me in great shape. The people that are on the team are very nice and supportive

also,"

sophomore, Leah Bearss addresses.

The girls' hard effort this season boosted their rank to 13th in the state.

"We missed going

to state by one place. The girls worked extremely hard, and put their hearts into the program. They understand the commitment and dedication it takes to be a top team in Indiana," states head coach Patty Begley.

Next season is looking out to be a good one. "I think we need to work on our confidence, because I think we have the physical ability to beat any team. If we do that, we should have a

good season next year," sophomore Tracy Markwell states.

Although the team will lose senior Maureen Pall this year, junior Amanda Massow and the rest of the team will always have new goals to set for next season, and new players to help out the team.

According to Bearss, "our biggest rival was New Prairie. We beat them every meet, but semi-state. I think we could've

won if it was

any other day. They had a good meet on the right day." If next season is as great as this one was, maybe Portage will be able to beat New Prairie and advance after semi-state to state.

The cross country team has had an outstanding season, putting their hearts into every minute of it. What is the outlook for the 2003 season? Positive. Maybe even an individual sent to state.

"We need to work on being positive the whole year, even through our losses and tough times."

Heather Markwell, 10



What do

you feel the team has improved most on this year?

"Mental attitude. We had significantly more drive to go to state this year and we will go next year."



Amanda Massow, 11



Photo by Jennifer White

BEFORE the starting gun is shot, the team concentrates on their meet. Freshman Christina Blackwell, senior Maureen Pall and junior Amanda Massow get ready to run the race.

EACH team member takes time out before every meet to stretch. Sophomore Leah Bearss properly warms up before the competition.



Photo by Jennifer White





photo by Newman McLeod

photo by Kelley Yarb

photo by Jennifer Wilk

KNOWN as an outstanding individual by her coach, Patty Begley, senior Raureen Pall finishes the race with a bang at the DAC sectionals held in Valparaiso.

WITH the sun beaming in her face, freshman Katie Wilk strives on with authority. Only being a freshman, Wilk will be a key reserve for next year.



EVEN though freshman Christine Blackwell and senior Raureen Pall did not start in the front, they did an outstanding job. Not every match is won at the start of the race.



TEAMWORK plays a major role in cross country. The girls showed unity and dedication to one another as they go for a brief warm-up before the DAC meet.



photo by Jennifer Wilk

METTLE

story by Kati Hajduk

and desire take boys to state

Cross Country Boys made it to the state finals this year.

"The team was awesome and restarted the Portage Cross Country tradition of going to state every year," said senior Cuyler Simmons.

The team earned two hundred ninety six points at state finals. Taking each team's first five runners and adding their

places

together

earn the

points for

that team.

For

example, a

team that

has

members

finishing 1-

2-3-4-5 has

a team total of 15 points, the lowest

score wins.

"Our boys ran all over for tournaments and for training. They ran eight miles each day," said coach Jeff Smenyak.

The boys' team started

conditioning in July, which was an extra month for practice; it certainly paid off.

Teammates Simmons, sophomore Rob Bailey, and senior Brandon Bowman all agree that the team worked hard and made it feel like they were a family. They encouraged each other to do their best and if they did

not win,

everything

was still

okay. When

the season

ended,

Portage was

11th out of

the top

twenty

teams for

Cross

Country in

Matthew
McCluskey, 12



"I would get a lot of sleep, motivate the team, and tell them to give it everything you got!"

How did you get ready before each meet?

"We all would take our time and concentrate on the on the run. We all tried to get it our all."



Daniel McCann, 18

the state.

"After last year's loss, I think that my boys were inspired to do well," said Smenyak.

For inspiration, they wrote their motto on a banner that said "Semi-State 2001: NEVER AGAIN"



Photo by Kelsey York

BEHIND the scenes, Portage Boys' are warming up. Before every meet the boys like to do this to get a feel of the running environment.

READY and going, sophomore Mike Kirk runs his heart out at the DAC meet. Kirk is ahead and concentrating on getting to the finish line.



Photo by Meredith McLeod





photo by Jennifer Wilt

Photo by Kelley Yoder

Photo by Meredith McLeod

BREATHE steadily is what sophomore Brett Spotten does to make sure he can run for long periods of time for a meet. Thriving to win, Spotten extends his legs to the fullest for a fast pace.



In search of a victory, the team takes time away from others and runs around. In order to win, they talk and give advice to each other as the time passes until the beginning of the meet.

WHILE running, sophomore Robert Bailey tries to concentrate on winning one for the team. Being his second year, Bailey has some experience running the miles.

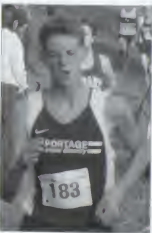


Photo by Meredith McLeod

WITHOUT hesitation, sophomore Jacqueline Barnua effectively steals the ball from the opposing team. Barnua only played junior varsity but showed great potential for the next few years on the team.



Photo by Kelly Yude

WITH a powerful kick, sophomore Catherine Andrews goes for the goal. With the opponent right behind her, Andrews and other teammates are prepared for anything that comes their way and try to stop them.



Photo by Jennifer Wilt

LIGHTHEARTED girls become serious before the game and listen to the coach. Regardless of the tough love from the coach, junior varsity knows that once they rule when they hit the field and the game starts.

DETERMINED to block the opponent, freshman Tasha DeFaria shadows her every move. With great exertion in defense, the team works simultaneously and, with the record of more wins, it shows that they do well.



Photo by Jennifer Wilt

JUST

a few of my favorite things

story by Kathryn Haiduk

Photo by Kelly Yahr

This year was a great success for the soccer team with a record of 17-1 even though the season ended in a loss to Chesterton in the sectionals.

Junior Erika Lopez stated, "I think we did a great job. We worked together really well."

The soccer team bonded like best friends, added Lopez.

"My favorite thing this season was that we were all so close and we all got along really well for the most part," said junior Bridget Ladra.

The team spent hours of hard work and dedication to obtain their success.

"Everyone worked hard and we all improved in many different ways. We should have gone all the way, but we had a terrible mishap in sectionals,"

stated junior Megan Coleman.

The official team mascot, of course, is the Indians, but the varsity soccer team developed a new one.

Lopez's favorite thing of the season was raising their mascot "Turd" which was a moth that lived in junior Briana Kliek's locker.

Whether new mascot, luck, or superstition, some girls on the team tried a few weird things for the win. Some team

members did not shave their legs or wash their game socks for the duration of the season.

Junior Ashley Bernardi stated, "Our team is the most superstitious team in this school. We'd eat the same thing for certain games."

Wanna Jaznic, 12



"In a way it can be, but you have to separate friendship and athletics. You play your best and afterwards you can all be friends."

Is it hard playing against friends?

"No. If it's a friendship, then you should have no problems keeping it that way. Friends can last forever, no matter what."



Megan Haisler, 11

Photo by Elizabeth Richards



Photo by Kelly Yahr



DISAPPOINTED with her shot, Junior Kristin Coffman covers her head in shame. Coffman has played on the team for three years and teammates would agree that she has been a valued part of the success.

At the last home game, one out of the two senior girls, Renee Grant stands proudly with her parents. The balloons and gifts she received were presents brought by the team.

NEVER will junior Ashley Luellman wear a different pair of shoes to a game. Out of superstition, Luellman wore the same shoes because she it helped the team's winning streak.

PORTAGE sophomore Joel Slankowski, guards the ball in the junior varsity game against Merrillville. Slankowski is on the JV team and has much admiration for the game of soccer.

WHILE attempting to remain calm during the varsity game against Merrillville, juniors Terry Easton and Nathan Zlukowski, and senior Zach Knutsen sit together keeping their peace while waiting to be called into the game.



photo by Samantha Hespinger



ONLY having thoughts of winning the game, junior Terry Easton tries to win the game for the team by keeping the ball in good hands. Easton brought comedy to the team to put the team at ease before games.

FOCUSED only on the ball, sophomore Anthony Leal, does his best for the JV team. Leal forcefully attempted to retrieve the ball for his team before the opponent gets it.



photo by Kelley Yost



PASSION

holds the team together

story by Meredith McLeod

Excitement and joy filled each player when their first victory of the season was their first game of the season. Both junior varsity and varsity teams beat Highland. The JV team beat them 4 to 0, while the varsity team triumphed 3 to 0. Things were looking up for the boys soccer team, however, by the next game, against Washington Township, both teams lost two difficult games. "We played the best we could, but we just couldn't put the ball in the net," says

Coch
Andy
Vuko

"We didn't play to our potential this season." Midway through the season, though,

the boys finally started to play as a team. The boys had some differences on and off the field that tore the team apart in the beginning. Some students got red and yellow cards during games, which hurt the team as a whole drastically.

"During the middle of the season, we forgot all about our quarrels and

finally played as a team," states varsity player Justin Olson.

Even though this year's season for the boys soccer team had some troubles and tribulations, they had fun with the sport and kept on playing the best they could. Each team member played with great potential and passion for the game.

"Knowing that it was my senior year, I wanted to play the best that I could because it could have been my last game ever," says senior varsity

player
Vidomir
Ivanovic.

Vuko hopes that the students will continue their skills in soccer

and improve on their

"My favorite moment of the season was probably when I have a good game, and also after the Merrillville game when we tied and had ten saves."

What was

your favorite moment of the season?

"My favorite moment was when we took Valpo into overtime. Valpo beat the state champs, and when we took them into overtime it was a big accomplishment for us."



JUSTIN OLSON, 11

game. With strong senior players that play big roles on the team, the remaining boys will need to work hard to keep the soccer team strong for next year's season.

"If the players continue to hone in on their skills by playing club ball in the off season, they will definitely improve," states Vuko.

photo by Kelly Yude

photo by Elizabeth Richards



photo by Samantha Hoopingamer



In an effort to get the ball, Freshman Kadley Alcantara aggressively attempts to help out the JV team to win their last game of the year. They ended up tying the game.

BEFORE the varsity game, Junior Daniel Laboy stretches with the team to get their adrenaline up. Laboy has been playing the sport of soccer since he was a little kid.

AFTER four years of strong devotion to the golf team, senior Katie Banskis is proud of her numerous accomplishments. She has a career low of 19, scored at the Hobart meet.

WITH top scores at every competition, senior Danielle Moore wears the chevron that is well deserved. Her low score of ninety supports the varsity team during the Duneland Invite.



photos by Samantha Hoppingamer



THERE are several qualities of golf that interest senior Danielle Moore and keep her attached to the sport. "It is fun and tough because your competition doesn't really affect your game," said Moore.

WHILE under silent pressure, senior Jessica Lazar is still able to get a high score and contribute to the win at the DAC Invite. Her successful achievements in golf are highly recognized by fellow teammates.



CONTROL

is all but hidden

story by Rosella Hernandez

Due to lack of interest, golf may appear to be somewhat of a dull sport for the student body. The challenges that are involved with the game are not as evident as those in many other sports. For this reason, golf proves to encompass more than just what meets the eye. "In reality, golf is like being on drugs. It offers a high that is unmatched by any other sport," stated coach Tom Milokovic. Only the athlete can truly appreciate the wonders of

golf with a sense of

Kayla Brooks, 11

satisfaction. "On the outside it appears that most golfers aren't having much fun (no show of emotion). In reality, many

are so hooked on the game that the rest of their personal lives suffer from lack of attention that their golf game is receiving," added Milokovic.

As in every sport, teamwork and dedication is an essential part of the game. Golfers compete individually, but learn from each other. Patience, mind control, and conquering the swing are three major skills that are aimed to master. "I just love the challenge of not knowing what your swing is going to be like," said sophomore Kari Campbell. Most of the girls agree that the swing is the most challenging aspect of the game. Senior Danielle Moore feels that "a reliable, simple swing and determination" decides the success of your game. The team's hard work and concentration definitely shined as their games

continued throughout the season.

With six-hour practices during the summer and Monday through Friday after school, the golf team accomplished a very successful season. "I am very proud of our team and our season. It was a learning experience for me and I've learned so much from my team as well as my coaches," said freshman Christina Stewart. With an 11 to 4 record, the team finished second in sectionals,

fourth at regionals, one place away from a

trip to the state finals, and DAC Invite champs.

"Comparing our results to the rest of the teams

in Northwest Indiana, I can truthfully say that we should be ranked number two," added Milokovic.

The misconception of golf only deprives students of its benefits. "Everyone thinks golf is easy and really boring. Most people who say that have not played. They should at least try to play. I did and I learned to love the game," said freshman Christina Stewart. The rewards that can be gained from any other sport such as companions, teamwork, and sharing are all apart of golf also with the enjoyment of some of the world's most beautiful environments. With this in mind, students should give golf a chance and expose themselves to the many adventures and experiences that are beyond the golf course.

"I just wanted to try something new. I thought that golf would be boring and I never thought it would be fun."

Why did you decide to start golfing?

"I started to golf because everyone in my family golfs. I knew the coach and I thought it would be fun."



Lisa Whitworth, 11



photo by Samantha Hoopingarner



WITH many outstanding individual performances, junior Sarah Racich competes in the DAC Invite and finishes with a "toss out" score. Portage won the match for the first time in the last eight seasons.

SEEN through the diamonds of the chainlink fence, senior Brett Arnold confidently waits for his opponent's shot. Players must be on guard in order to play their best to win.



Photo by Samantha Hoopinger

PERFECT technique is achieved over years of practice. Sophomore Joseph Wadle uses a forehand swing to send the ball at his competitor fiercely, hoping for an ace to win the game.



DURING a doubles match, sophomore Marc Jones swings at the ball. Fellow teammate and sophomore Eli Collazo covers his back as is custom in doubles competition.

HEAD held high in perfect form, sophomore Jose Collazo serves the ball to the opposite corner of the court. In tennis, opposing teams serve continually for one game. Possession of the serve switches between the teams during matches.



Photo by Elizabeth Seale

PREPARED and ready, sophomore John Tuel prepares himself mentally as he begins to dart swiftly toward the ball. A long bounding stride allows players to boldly attack when necessary in the game.

THE team lines up proudly, eyeing the competition while the coaches introduce the players to one another. Before every tennis match, each boy shakes hands with his opponent as a friendly gesture despite competition.





ITKE a sister to the boys.

Coach Vanessa George patiently sketches out lineups for the upcoming match. She gives a brief pep-talk and wishes the boys good luck before they take the court.

BAND of brothers

story by Elizabeth Selick

Some sports teams grow close and unify as the their season progresses, creating an amazing atmosphere that can lead to a winning team and incredible friendships. Boys' tennis was one such team that was a close group from the start of the fall season with brothers on the team spreading camaraderie and constantly keeping fellow teammates entertained.

Junior Sammie Maletta decided to go out for the team just this year after quitting football. "I kept hearing from my brother, Andrew, how much fun tennis was. I went out for the team with

a good attitude just to have some fun, and that's what I got!"

Not only did half-brothers Andrew and Sammie Maletta contribute to the team, but

their stepbrother, Marc Jones, also brought diversity to the group.

"We formed some good bonds on the team. Everyone's friends, and most of us hangout outside of tennis," said senior Andrew Maletta.

"All the brothers were extremely entertaining," said junior Anthony Laingren, "I had the chance to play doubles with Sammie Maletta. He's a riot. We pulled out a comeback victory in a three-hour match during a tourney and placed third. I couldn't have asked for anything more!"

The brothers on the team were not the only positive influences throughout the season. Coach Vanessa George also played an important role

for the team, acting as a sister towards her athletes, creating a lighthearted, comfortable atmosphere for the boys to enjoy.

"We'd come out smiling even when we were losing. We just a had great time!" said Andrew Maletta.

Every winning team has to be able to stay unified in order to battle against challenging teams.

"Being able to stay positive and have someone to talk to out there [on the court] are important aspects to dominating in difficult matches," added Sammie Maletta.

The support and competition which the brothers offered each other as well as their fellow athletes helped bring together

Kristopher
Estrom, 10



"Yes, it most definitely was a family atmosphere with Mama George around! The brothers really motivated everyone!"

Was there a strong family feeling?

"Oh yeah! We were a big family. Everyone pushed each other to strive for our best! Coach George made it a fun environment for all of us. She's awesome!"



Brent Cook, 8

the players, making the boys a stronger team than in years past. The players were able to keep each other motivated, true brothers or not.

"We all worked really hard in the preseason. It paid off in close matches since all of us were in such great shape we had more energy than our opponents," said senior Kevin Wall.

The extra efforts of all the players lead to a fairly successful season, leaving varsity with a record of five wins, seven losses and junior varsity with an impressive record of seven wins, five losses.

The family atmosphere the brothers created made for an interesting season.

Photo by Samantha Hoopinger

STRENGTH in numbers

story by Jennifer Will

Volleyball is a team sport that not only requires talented athletes, but dedication as well.

"Everyone definitely gave it their all this year. We lost some games we shouldn't have. Anytime we did lose, we were with the opposing team the whole time. We never gave up," said sophomore Erica Sanetznik. The JV did a great job with a record of seventeen to eleven.

With a record of nine to thirteen, the freshman team did really well performing. Their record was not so great, but it is not always the score that matters; it is the dedication put into it.

"No matter, what there's always room for improvement even if the team had a really great game," stated freshman Rachel Reed.

Teamwork is a major factor in volleyball, so getting to know the players is important.

"It's not easy playing with a bunch of girls you don't even know," said Sanetznik.

Before every game the teams just

hang out and relax.

"Sometimes we give each other massages to make sure everyone is loose before the games," explained freshman Kim Weiland.

In every sport, there is usually a tradition that they carry out during the seasons.

"On away games when we would come to a railroad track we'd all yell 'screw' and everyone on the bus

would touch a screw because it's supposed to give you good luck," explained freshman Amber Albrecht.

In sports, the team has a

motto to inspire the athletes to win or to just pump them up before the games. "Saying 'team' was our main motto because being a team held the key to everything," said junior Priscilla Ramos.

For junior Christine Lozano, her personal motto was to just play and have fun.

"I'm just grateful that I'm playing the sport I love," explained Lozano. With a great season in mind, the girls cannot wait for next year.

"I am very sad that Mrs. Kramer is leaving. She is the only coach that cared about the team and she will be missed at Portage."

How do you feel about Coach Kramer leaving?

"I am going to miss her. She's a great person. She treated us like we were family."

Colleen Scott, 8



WHILE waiting for the opposing team to serve, sophomore Tiffany Efantis and freshman Kimberly Weiland prepare to rotate positions. Seconds before rotating, Efantis rolls her sleeve up.

WITH an commanding spike, freshman Niko Yates scores a point for the Lady Indians.

By her side, freshman Priscilla Catlin pulled off an impressive seven out of seven phenomenal digs during a Chesterton game.

photo by Samantha Hooyang-garner





photo by Samantha Hespinger

WITH the ball in her hand, freshman Sarah Kirincic prepares to serve to the opposing team. This is Kirincic's third year playing volleyball.

THE junior varsity team huddles during a time out for a breather. Coach Kramer gives the girls a pep talk to finish the game with another win.



photo by Kelley Yule

PREPARED to bump the ball to the front row, junior Heather Ramlan makes a come back this year from knee surgery. Ramlan took her sophomore year off to let her knee heal to avoid further injuries.



IN stance for, freshmen Jessica James and Rachel Reed are prepared to take on anything that comes their way. This is the third year they have been playing volleyball together.

AS the starting line up waits to take the court, the girls finish any last minute conversations before starting the match.

EVERY year the senior girls get special recognition from the underclassmen at the annual senior night in volleyball. This year they designed the padded wall in the gym with athletic tape sporting all of their team numbers.

JUST after the pre-game warm-ups, Coach Dixon discusses team strategy. The varsity members listen intently to the instructions given by their coach in high hopes to do well.

Affinity

story by Samantha Hoopingarnor

for the game

It starts in August when the air reaches 95 degrees. A few committed girls gather all day in a poorly ventilated gymnasium to show their dedication to their craft. Volleyball season is about to start.

"I seriously love two a days. Most girls don't because you are inside a gym from 9 to 4 playing volleyball," commented senior Cynthia Hassett. "I love volleyball so much that I couldn't possibly hate the summer practices."

While the team did not rack up as many wins as they would have liked, they found satisfaction in their growing camaraderie and friendships.

"We played our hardest and gave each other support when we made mistakes," said sophomore Lisa Hansen.

The relationships were strong on and off the court.

"The spaghetti dinners were the best," expressed Hassett. "It was just a bunch of girls together without volleyball on our minds, talking about anything and everything."

The team solidarity to one another and the desire to play their best made those long summer practices well worth it.



Photo by Samantha Hoopingarnor

Cynthia Hassett, 12



"I personally get a rush when the opposing team continues to try and spike the ball at me and I continue to dig them up."

**Do you
ever get a rush?**

"When we're playing Valpo because of the intense rivalry between us. We always want to beat them really bad."



Lisa Hansen, 10



IN order to hit the ball, senior Lauren Berntsen soars into the air for an exhilarating spike. Berntsen has been playing volleyball every year since she was in seventh grade.

BEFORE every game, the varsity team lines up and holds hands during the national anthem. It has become a new tradition that towards the end of the anthem, the girls swing their arms back and forth to get pumped for the game.





WITH eyes focused on the ball, sophomore Cara Horner shows determination by diving selflessly to the floor for a dig. Horner's attitude made her a valuable varsity player.

IN honor of her retirement, junior Megan Meyers and other team members showered Coach Kramer with hugs during senior night. Kramer has coached girls volleyball for seven years.



IN a desperate attempt to save the ball, sophomore Any Slapalski and junior Megan Meyers both dive to the floor hoping to make a safe return. Team dedication may sometimes be hazardous to players physical well being.

SURROUNDED by Merrillville's team, Steven Vaught tries his hardest to escape. Knowing football is one of the highest injury causing sports, it is still popular.



CAREFULLY watching out for the other team, they run in front of the Merrillville players. Making sure they do not get the ball, the offense pays attention and works together.



BEFORE the game, both teams give each other a firm hand shake. With tension between the teams before the game, players set it aside for a moment to show each other their due respect.

WITH a watchful eye, junior Michael Paul Hutchins pays attention to the other teams plays. Ready to get back into the game Hutchins keeps helmet on eagerly.





GEARED up to play some football, the team runs through the helmet with adrenaline. The team raised money for the helmet by selling athletic cards and doing the Lift-A-Thon.



WITH a quick pep talk during a time out Coach Robert Kania gives the team the play. Focusing on a win Kania always expresses to work hard and be alert.

NOTHING

like cooperation and dedication

story by Kathryn Hayduk

They might not be champions on the field, but most teammates believe they were in the teamwork portion.

"As the year progressed on, the stronger we bonded as a team," said junior Daniel Paulsen.

Practices started at three o'clock and ended at 9 p.m. at the latest. In weight training, the team got to know each other better.

"Before each game, the team listened to the speech from 'Any Given Sunday' by Al Pacino," said senior Ryan Wring.

Many of the players had their own little traditions. Whether it was eating lettuce off another players sandwich, listening to a certain song, practicing their game faces, or little things like just concentrating on the game.

Even if a game was lost, the team

would still have great sportsmanship and congratulate the team that won.

Senior Paul Reed said, "I played the hardest that I could and we all tried to work together as a team."

With great spirit, fans would encourage the players. Even throughout the cold weather, there would still be fans in the stands cheering the team on.

Most of the players would have to agree that everyone has improved. Either if it was running

faster, throwing further, or having their attitudes changed about the team, everyone has improved in some shape or form.

"This year was an improvement considering the personal loss we had from the year before, but it can only get better," Paulsen said.

"I think the hardest thing in football was trying to tackle Dave Ferrell and Joe Amonie."

Daniel Paulsen, Jr.



What was the hardest thing about football?

"The hardest thing was waking up the next morning after practice. That was painful."



Matthew Fajen, Jr.

TOUGH and confident, juniors Daniel Paulsen, Charles Severs, Joseph Monteleone, and senior Matthew Sedoris strut off the field. After another victory, they all are worn out.



Huddled up, the team listens to the play that Coach Robert Kanla gives them. Kanla has coached the team for a couple years now and he loves being on the field and being in charge.



BEFORE the team goes out and tries a play, they huddle up and talk about the game plan. The more that everyone listens, the better the plan will come out.

DESPITE his injury, senior Kyle Sonaty still shows up to games and to support the team. Being out for most of the season, Sonaty still wore his jersey.





David Murray, D

"Yeah, my parents supported me. They cheered me on and wanted me to go to state."



Did your parents support you?

"Definitely. They were behind me all the way. They were at all the games and they cheered me on no matter if we won or lost."



Erik Kline, B



CHARGE and tackle is a defensive style the team practices. From all corners, the team rushes toward their target and challenges them.

WITH game face on, senior Brock Shipley watches the game. Being his last year, Shipley was said to give it all he got on the field.



Pratt, Kevin Rex

PRACTICE is just as taxing on the players like a game is. The team works just as hard and is just as confident in themselves to do the best and work for what they want.

FALL sports

Girls Cross Country



Christina Blawieck, Kelly Wilk, Wilfreda Roman, Amanda Mahone, Meghan Pail, Tracy Markens, Heather Markens, Erin Buehler, Lindsey Adams, Susan Schuch, Morgan Rosen, Christina Popam, Kaitlin Nelson, Sara Petersen, Leah Taylor. **Head Coach Patty Begley, and Assistant Coach Cristina Schmidt**

Date	Opp.	H/A	Varsity Score	JV Score
Aug 23	Pen Huron Karm	A	22 pts / 1st place	5 pts / 7 teams
Sep 7	Lafayette Harrison	A	4th / 16	
Sep 10	Merrillville	A	12th / million	
Sep 14	Cornell Invite	A	7th / 11 teams	5th / 8
Sep 17	Lafayette	A	1st / 4 teams	
Crown Point				
Sep 21	New Prairie Invite	A	6th / 32 teams	6th / 18 teams
Sep 24	Culver Invite	A	46 points	18 points
Oct 1	Valparaiso	A		
Oct 5	Manchester Invite	A	9th / 20 teams	
Oct 10	DAC Meet at Valpo	A	3rd place	
Oct 12	Sectional-Chesterton	A	3rd place	
Oct 19	Regional at N. Prairie	A	3rd place	
Oct 26	Semi-S.N. Prairie	A		
Nov 4	State at LU	A		

Boys Cross Country



Jared Peterson, Camryn Jensen, Justin Steier, Anthony T. Gilmore, Jim Farrow, Mark Miller, Ryan Mueller, Isaac Krasnow, Adam Krasnow, David Winkler, Eric Winkler, Matt Winkler, Jeff Winkler, Brett Winkler, Ryan Winkler, Jake Winkler, Jake Winkler, Jan Winkler, Brandon Winkler, Brandon Winkler, Brandon Winkler, Brandon Winkler, Brandon Winkler, Brandon Winkler, Brandon Winkler, Brandon Winkler, Brandon Winkler, Brandon Winkler. **Head Coach Jeff Smeyak and Assistant Coach Sara Smeyak**

Date	Opp.	H/A	Varsity	J.V.
Aug 23	Pen Huron Karm	A	22 pts / 1st place	5 pts / 1st place
Sep 7	Lafayette Harrison	A	4th / 16 teams	3rd / 14 teams
Sep 10	Merrillville	A	15-45	
Sep 14	Cornell Invite	A	6th place	
Sep 17	Lafayette	A	20-39	
Crown Point				
Sep 21	New Prairie Invite	A	25-30	
Sep 24	Chesterton N/A	A	5th / 34 teams	1st / 19 teams
Sep 28	Michigan City	H	28-29	
Sep 30	Culver Invite	A	7th place	5th place
Oct 1	Valparaiso, Hobart	A	44 pts / 18 points	15 pts / 50 points
Oct 5	Manchester Invite	A	7th / 27 teams	3rd / 18 teams
Oct 10	DAC Meet at Valpo	A	4th place	
Oct 12	Sectional at Chesterton	A	3rd place	
Oct 15	Regional at N. Prairie	A	2nd place	
Oct 26	Semi-S.N. Prairie	A	3rd place	
Nov 4	State at LU	A	11th place	

Girls Varsity Soccer



Arianna Robinson, Irene Kovack, Ashley Bennett, Maggie Isborn, Briana Kimes, Kaitlin Grant, Shana Jordan, Ashley Lukman, Lily Lukman, Jordan Kimes, Emily Kimes, Ashley Kimes, Ashley Kimes, Ashley Kimes, Ashley Kimes, Ashley Kimes, Ashley Kimes, Ashley Kimes, Ashley Kimes, Ashley Kimes. **Head Coach Felice Shinneman, Assistant Coach Jeanne Mioske, and Assistant Coach Tony Cardenas**

Date	Opp.	H/A	Varsity Score	W/L
Aug 20	East Chicago Central	H	15-0	w
Aug 22	Mishawaka Marian	A	4-0	w
Aug 24	Concord-Varsity only	A	3-1	w
Aug 27	Crown Point	A	6-2	w
Aug 29	Monterey	A	6-1	w
Sep 3	Hobart	H	11-1	w
Sep 5	Highland	A	5-2	w
Sep 11	Michigan City	H	9-1	w
Sep 15	Lake Central	A	3-0	w
Sep 17	Lafayette	A	6-1	w
Sep 19	Andreas	H	2-1	w
Sep 24	Chesterton	A	2-1	w
Sep 26	S. St. Joseph's	H	2-0	w
Oct 1	Valparaiso	H	3-2	w
Oct 6	Merrillville	H	5-0	w
Oct 10	Wheeler-Varsity only	A	1-1	w
Oct 14	Sectional-M.C.	A	7-0	w
Oct 18	Sectional-Chesterton	A	1-0	l

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Girls Junior Varsity Soccer



Head Coach Felice Shinneman, Assistant Coach Jeanne Miotke, and Assistant Coach Tony Cardenas

Date	Opp.	H/A	JV Score	W/L
Aug 22	Madawaska Marian	A	1-1	T
Aug 29	Crown Point	A	2-1	W
Aug 29	Munster	H	2-0	W
Sep 3	Hobart	H	7-0	W
Sep 5	Highland	A	2-0	W
Sep 12	Lake Central	A	0-1	L
Sep 17	LaPorte	A	2-0	W
Sep 19	Andrew	H	4-0	W
Sep 24	Chatterton	H	0-1	L
Sep 26	S.S. St. Joseph's	A	1-0	W
Oct 1	Valparaiso	H	2-1	W
Oct 8	Merrillville	H	0-0	W

Boys Varsity Soccer



Date	Opp.	H/A	Varsity Score	W/L
Aug 22	Highland	H	3-0	W
Aug 24	Washington Tournery	A	1-3	L
Aug 28	Crown Point	H	3-1	W
Aug 29	Munster	A	1-2	W
Aug 31	Andrew	H	2-2	W
Sep 4	Hobart	A	1-2	L
Sep 7	Lake Central	A	0-5	L
Sep 10	S.S. St. Joe	A	0-4	L
Sep 11	Michigan City	A	0-1	L
Sep 18	LaPorte	H	1-3	L
Sep 21	Mt. Vernon-Fortville	H	3-2	W
Sep 23	Chatterton	H	1-0	W
Oct 28	Laf. Jeff	H	2-1	W
Oct 2	Valparaiso	A	2-3	L
Oct 6	Merrillville	A	0-1	L
Oct 17	Sectional - Boone Grove		Sectional	L
Oct 18	Sectional		Sectional	
Oct 19	Sectional		Sectional	
Oct 23	Regional		TRD	
Oct 26	Semi-State		Semi-State	
Nov 2	State		State	

Head Coach Andy Yuko, Assistant Coach Todd Strom

Boys Junior Varsity Soccer



Date	Opp.	H/A	JV Score	W/L
Aug 22	Highland	H	4-0	W
Aug 24	Washington Tournery	A	1-3	L
Aug 28	Crown Point	H	2-3	L
Aug 29	Munster	A	1-0	W
Aug 31	Andrew	H	1-0	W
Sep 4	Hobart	A	1-2	L
Sep 7	Lake Central	A	1-6	L
Sep 10	S.S. St. Joe	A	2-2	T
Sep 11	Michigan City	A	3-1	W
Sep 18	LaPorte	H	2-1	W
Sep 21	Mt. Vernon-Fortville	H	2-1	W
Sep 23	Chatterton	H	1-0	W
Oct 28	Laf. Jeff	H	1-2	L
Oct 2	Valparaiso	A	0-0	T
Oct 6	Merrillville	A	1-1	W
Oct 17	Sectional - Boone Grove		2-3	L
Oct 18	Sectional		Sectional	
Oct 19	Sectional		Sectional	
Oct 23	Regional		TRD	
Oct 26	Semi-State		Semi-State	
Nov 2	State		State	

Head Coach Andy Yuko, Assistant Coach Todd Strom

FALL sports

Girls Golf



Heidi Gault, Linda Brown, Christine Stewart, Sherin Brown, Lisa Gault, Sarah Gault, Jennifer Gault, Jennifer Gault, Lauren Gault, Lisa Gault, Kayla Gault, Natalie Gault, Head Coach Tom Milakovic and Volunteer Assistant Coach Connie Cole

Date	Opp.	H/A	Varsity Score	JV Score	W/L
Aug 9	Valparaiso Invite	A	204	191-197	W
Aug 9	Muskegon Triangular	A	191-197	191-197	W
Aug 12	Kalamazoo Valley Invite A		364	3rd/30	W
Aug 13	Ben. Central Invite A		375	5th/17	W
Aug 14	Phoenix Invite A		290	5th/13	W
Aug 19	M.C./Marquette Invite A		173-200		W
Aug 20	Boone Grove H		184-232		W
Aug 24	DAC Invite A		361 - 1st place		W
Aug 27	Hobart H		174-217		W
Aug 29	Valparaiso A		202-180		L
Aug 30	Hanover Central L1 Central A		193-193-214		L
Sep 3	Crown Point A		189-172		L
Sep 5	LaPorte H		166-201		W
Sep 10	Michigan City H		170-224		W
Sep 12	Chatterton A		196-188		L
Sep 14	LaPorte Invitational A		386 - 3rd of 15		W/L
Sep 16	Wheat/Lowell T A		180-200-232		W
Sep 17	Merrillville A		191-244		W
Sep 21	Sectional Valpo A		395		L
Sep 28	Regional-LaPorte A		372		L
Oct 4	State A				
Oct 5	State A				

Boys Tennis



Joe Jordan, Ed Cimado, Kyle Elving, Kasey Wain, Ben Wade, Phil Kish, Andrew Maletta, Matt Jones, Matt Friel, Anthony Vargen, Sammie Maletta, Chad Jentzen, Long K. Hueston, Kris Emerson, John Tuomi, Coach, Manager Cass - VandenBerg, Manager Karen/Karen, Manager Natalie Foregan and Coach Vanessa George

Date	Opp.	H/A	Varsity Score	JV Score	W/L
Aug 23	Central A		3-3	0-3	W/W
Aug 28	Morton H		4-1	1-0	W/W
Aug 29	North Judson H		3-3		W/W
Sep 3	Hobart A		5-0	4-1	L/W
Sep 5	Crown Point H		3-3	5-0	L/W
Sep 10	Merrillville A		2-3	1-4	L/L
Sep 12	Chatterton H		3-3	2-3	W/L
Sep 17	Valparaiso H		0-5	1-4	L/L
Sep 18	Croft H		2-3	1-4	W
Sep 19	LaPorte H		1-4	4-0	L/W
Sep 21	Merrillville V. Tourney A		6th place		L/L
Sep 24	Michigan City H		2-3	3-3	L/L
Sep 25	SB St. Joseph H		0-5	3-2	L/W
Sep 28	Merrillville V. Tourney A		4th		W
Sep 30	Andean H		2-3	5-0	L/W
Oct 3	Sectional H		2-3		L

Varsity Volleyball



Vera Hansen, Sindy Smetz, Nicole Davis, Kara Lane, Sara Reeves, Megan Miller, Amy Samplowski, Jenny Owen, Cynthia Harriott, Lauren Benlister, Manager Jonathan Miller, Manager Whitney Hill, Manager Nathan Ritchie, Head Coach Christine Dixon and Assistant Coach Sylvia Kramer

Date	Opp.	H/A	W/L
Aug 20	Busch Nall A		V 3-1, JV 2-0
Aug 24	Hammond Morton A		V 3-0, JV 2-1
Aug 28	Washington Twp. H		V 3-0, JV 2-1
Aug 29	M.C. Marquette H		V 0-3, JV 1-2
Aug 31	Valpo-JV Tourney Chatterton A		3rd place
Sep 3	Boone Grove H		V 3-0, JV 2-0
Sep 5	Hobart A		V 3-0, JV 2-0
Sep 7	Logansport Tourney Noblesville A		3rd place
Sep 10	South Central (I.M.) H		V 3-0, JV 2-0
Sep 11	Lowell H		V 3-1, JV 0-2
Sep 12	LaPorte H		V 0-2, JV 2-1
Sep 14	Manistee Tourney A		V 2nd Place
Sep 18	Lake Central H		V 1-3, JV 2-1
Sep 19	Merrillville A		V 1-3, JV 0-2
Sep 23	Highland H		V 2-3, JV 0-2
Sep 25	Andean A		V 0-3, JV 2-1
Sep 26	Crown Point A		V 2-1
Oct 3	Chatterton H		V 2-3, JV 0-2
Oct 6	Michigan City H		V 3-0, JV 0-2
Oct 10	Valparaiso A		V 1-3, JV 0-2
Oct 14	Hammond Gavitt H		V 3-1, JV 2-0
Oct 19	Penn Tourney A		V 4-7
Oct 22	Wheat H		V 2-3, JV 2-1
Oct 25	Sectional TBD		
Oct 28	Sectional Crown Point TBD		V 1-3

Technique Football

Christine Dixon and Assistant Coach Sylvia Kramer and Kyla Sowers, Presella Butler, Fannie Williams, Sarah Fyfe, Abby Yates, Jessica James, Rachel Reed, Kristin Lee, Amber Adams, and the Head Coach Jenny Framer

Start	Opponent	H/A	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	W/L
Aug 21	Crown Point	H	13-21	12-21	21-16	W
Aug 28	Champion	A	13-21	13-21	17-21	L
Sept 3	Chatterton	H	21-14	21-15		W
Sept 11	Lowell	A	18-21	16-21	14-21	L
Sept 18	Chatterton	A	18-21	16-21	17-21	L
Sept 26	Noll	H	21-16	21-15		W
Oct 3	Chatterton	A	21-15	21-13	17-21	L
Oct 10	Michigan City	H	14-21	15-21		L
Oct 23	Kankakee Valley	A	21-16	21-15		W
Oct 30	Merrillville	H	21-16	21-15		W
Nov 6	Chatterton	A	11-21	21-21		L
Nov 28	Lake Central	H	17-21	15-21		L
Dec 5	Round Robin					
	Lake Central					
	Crown Point		21-14	20-22	21-16	W
	Kankakee Valley		18-21	22-20		L
Dec 30	Wheelabr	A	14-21	21-21		L
Jan 6	Chatterton	A	21-18	21-21		W
Oct 3	Chatterton	A	23-21	20-21		W
Oct 7	Merrillville	H	21-23	10-21		L
Oct 8	Griffith	H	21-12	11-21		L
Oct 10	Valparaiso	H	9-21	10-21		L
Oct 12	Valpo. Tourney					
	Munster	A	5-21	7-21		L
	Chatterton	H	15-21	22-20	13-21	L
	Valpo. Tourney					

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Varsity				
Date	Opp.	H/A	Varsity Score	W/L
Aug 25	Central Chicago Central	H	38-0	w
Aug 26	St. Ignace	H	38-0	w
Sep 6	St. Hobart	A	27-0	w
Sep 13	Merriville	H	38-14	w
Sep 20	St. Ignace	A	19-0	w
Sep 27	Cherterton	A	40-42	l
Oct 4	Milghian City	H	34-0	w
Oct 11	Valparaiso	A	7-31	l
Oct 18	Lafayette	H	40-0	w
Nov 1	Sectional-Central	A	38-18	w
Nov 8	Sectional-Crown Point	H	40-23	w
Nov 14	Sectional-Valparaiso	A	14-27	l
Junior Varsity				
Date	Opp.	H/A	Score	W/L
Aug 25	Central Chicago Central	H	38-0	w
Aug 26	St. Ignace	H	7-14	l
Sep 7	St. Hobart	H	24-28	l
Sep 13	Merriville	H	27-28	l
Sep 21	Crown Point	H	12-0	w
Sep 28	Cherterton	H	24-27	l
Oct 5	Milghian City	A	22-6	w
Oct 12	Valparaiso	H	14-28	l

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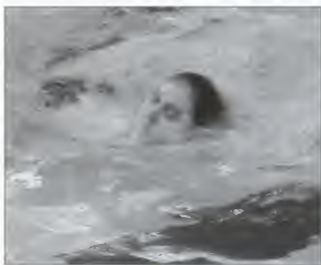
Date	Opp.	H/A	Score	W/L
Aug 29	East Chicago Central	H	36-16	w
Sep 5	Lake Central	H	18-7	w
Sep 9	Crown Point "B" only	A	40-12	w
Sep 12	Hobart	A	40-12	w
Sep 19	Merrillville	H	20-14	w
Sep 26	Crown Point	A	26-31	l
Oct 3	Chesterton	A	30-28	w
Oct 10	Michigan City	H	28-8	w
Oct 17	Valparaiso	A	35-14	w
Oct 23	LaPorte	H	8-21	l

WITH hands rising high, sophomore Ashley Edmonds gets ready for her dive. This is Edmonds second year as a diver.

EACH team member cheers for the girls during their race. Sophomores Lauren Bellar, Gabrielle Basset, and Rande Penlaguas stand on the edge of the pool urging the team unto victory.



photo by Jennifer Wilt



BEFORE her meet, sophomore Krystle Dove practices her front stroke in the pool. Dove went to finals and received sixth place in the 400 yard free relay.

DEEP in concentration, sophomore Tiare Parker reaches far for her backstroke race. Parker placed sixth place overall in the finals this season.

photo by Meredith McLeod

photo by Jacquelyn Sizemore

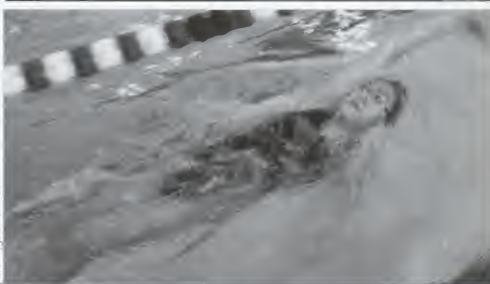
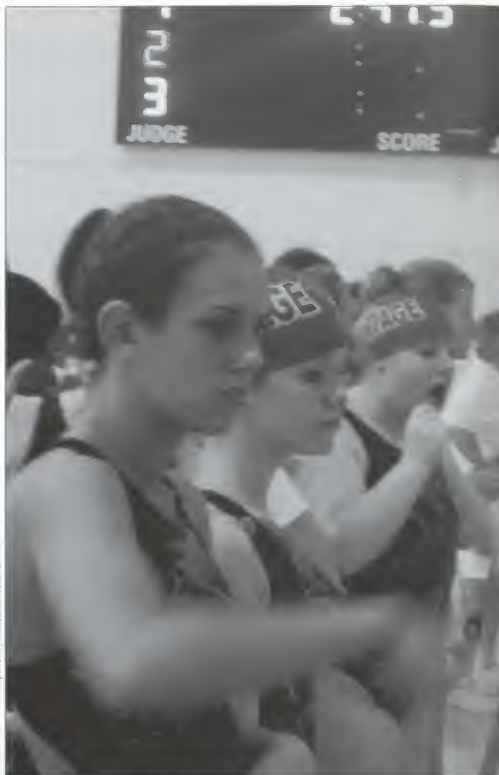


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JUST

like a family

story by Meredith McLeod

The girls swim team sticks together just like a family. They always had to deal with each other, from early morning to after school practices. For a whole five months, they always were together. They stuck together to keep from having stress, and they just concentrated together on their swimming. They also cheered each other on during their races, supported them, and performed cheers in the water before each meet to get their adrenaline up.

"We were around each other constantly. We were kind of like a family because we did have our arguments, but we got along well," Krystle Dove states.

Most of the girls' favorite moments of the season were the spaghetti dinners. The spaghetti dinners were an opportunity for the girls to get to know each other better and to get their carbohydrates up before a meet. It also gave the girls an opportunity to tell stories about one another.

"In swimming, and any other sport,

you really don't get a chance to sit and relax with one another, and the spaghetti dinners gave us a chance for everyone to have a great time and relax before the meet the next day," sophomore Ashley Edmonds says.

Even though the girls didn't make it to state this year, they were really close in the finals. They placed fifth overall this season. Overall, this was a good season for the girls swim team. They stuck together as a team and

created some really great friendships along the way.

"I feel that most of the girls make friendships on the team that will last their whole lifetime,"

Jennifer Knooce, 10

"Before each meet, we do stretches, practice starts, and our relays."



What does the team do before each meet?

"Before each meet, we would warm up, cheer, and some of us went to the trainers and also ate Subway."



Amber Salas, 12

Coach Melanie Peda says.

For next season, Coach Peda suggested that the girls need to get ready both physically and mentally for a new season, and they commit to hard work so they can have great results.

"I believe that most of the girls can be able to overcome their obstacles and shine. I was very proud of my girls this year," Peda says.



PORTAGE teammates sit together and socialize before the meet. Cheering, socializing, and spaghetti dinners keep the girls at ease.

Photo by Meredith McLeod

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DURING the breaststroke race, sophomore Elizabeth Knooce swims against Valparaíso. This is Knooce's first year on the team.



BEFORE the buzzer goes off during the DAC held in Merrillville, the swimmers get into their stance form. The form helps them get off to a better start going into their relays.

WHILE sophomore Eric Mundt looks at his scores, a look of frustration was expressed. "I was disappointed with my time and not only that, I was sick as well."



YEAR

story by Jennifer Wilt

of no excuses

The combination of hard work, determination, and physical ability made this year's boys swim season "the year of no excuses."

Portage's main rivalry in swimming is Valparaiso. "Beat Valpo, never give up, or lay down for another team was a personal and team goal," explained junior Geoffrey Kallimani.

The boy's swim team practices every morning, after school, and sometimes on the weekends to prepare for their season.

Not only is swimming all about competing, it is also a learning experience and a chance to bond with fellow teammates.

"Being on the team has been a great experience, because you get to meet new friends and learn to work together," stated freshman Christopher Allmandinger.

Pressure can be one of the biggest factors in an individual performance.

"Sometimes I feel a little pressure, but I know I can't be perfect because this is my first year," explained sophomore Joshua Whalen.

Perfection is not here yet for the boys, but there are still years to come for improvement.

Phillip Cowper, 10



"I could see us second in the sectional and beating Valpo."

**Where do
you see the team
next season?**

"I think we're going to be strong in the breaststroke and the two-hundred medley."

Robert Bailey, 10



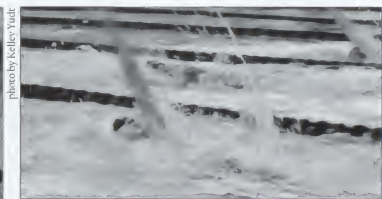
ANTICIPATION was felt by the swimmers as they patiently waited to swim their events. Senior Aaron Clark stands under the diving board, waiting his turn to warm up before swimming his relay.

WITH only two divers, senior Eric Berry pulls off a decent dive during the DAC. Berry was disappointed with his twenty-sixth place finish, knowing that he was capable of much better.

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PORTAGE transitions into warming up after the diving team. The swimmers had to share the same lane during the PAC, because the various lanes were being occupied by other schools.

DIFFERENT strokes consist of the breaststroke, freestyle, backstroke and the butterfly. The backstroke is one of the difficult strokes because the swimmer's head is tilted upward.

THE floor exercise is one of the most well-known events in the sport. Freshman Alycia Laboy started off on her tiptoes to have as much room as possible for her routine.

AS she dips her hands into the chalk, freshman Jessica Mitchell applies an amount that is just right for her routine. The chalk allows their hands to glide smoothly across the uneven bars preventing blisters.



photo by Samantha Hoopinger

BROKEN

story by Samantha Hoopinger

dreams and State medals

Girls gymnastics experienced crushing lows and ecstatic highs during their quest to improve on previous years and to defeat local powerhouse, Valparaiso.

Disappointment came early when sophomore Alison Horner broke the growth plate in her ankle causing her to be out for the rest of the season.

Team spirits raised somewhat when the team narrowly lost to Valparaiso.

"The team was excited because we were much more competitive against the Vikings than we thought," explained Horner.

The girls came together in support of injured team members and especially, the success of senior Julianne Repay's trip to the state finals.

Repay finished her senior year scoring a 2nd place in regionals and 6th place on the beam at state.



photo by Samantha Hoopinger



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AFTER a faultless landing, freshman Jessica Metz raises her arms to end her routine on a perfect note. Properly addressing the judges is a factor in keeping a decent score.

LIKE most sports, the girls gymnastics team starts off before every match with a group huddle. Although there are many similarities, gymnastics is the only sport that allows for free and artistic expression.

FLEXIBILITY of tremendous proportions is shown every year on the balance beam by senior Julianne Ropy. She has been on the team all throughout her high school career, and has also succeeded to state.

JUST before jumping to the high bar, senior Renee Grant takes a split second to regain her balance. A sense of perfect timing is something that comes naturally to most of the gymnastics squad.



Alison Horner, 10

"Yes, this year I broke my ankle falling. I always end up getting hurt and I didn't get to compete much because of it."



Do you
still fear falling?

"No. Not really, anymore. It is scary to learn new things, but falling is just part of the sport."



Kandi Nugent, 11



In preparation for her routine, freshman Jessica Metz sets her focus on the thin beam beneath her feet. The balance beam is one of the more difficult events in gymnastics. Strength, agility, and balance are all key parts of a gymnastics routine well done.

CHECKING

story by Meredith McLeod

more than your opponent

The hard work and effort put in by the hockey team this year was unbelievable. The team realized that hockey is more than checking your opponent into the wall, it also requires solid dedication and teamwork.

This year, the hockey team received the opportunity to play their games at the United Center. The team participated in the Junior Black Hawks Exhibition game against Lake Station. They ended up in a victory over Lake Station 5-2. The team was excited and very happy about their ending results.

Even though they didn't end as the Northwest Indiana champs, the Portage team concluded their season very successfully. They worked well through the season with regular practices and traveled across Indiana to compete in games. Participants in the team came from many cities including Norton, Portage, Lowell, and Merrillville.

All in all, the team had an enjoyable time, and a memorable time. They were very happy with their ending results.



Photo by Valerie Farley

BESIDES not being officially recognized as a school sport, the hockey players have other many other things to worry about. The costs of equipment, rink time, and travel expenses all fall on the shoulders of the team.



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FOLLOWING a scoring attempt by the opponents at the goal, a Portage player enters the goal crease to help clear the puck. Other than the goalie, the players are expected to play both sides of the puck.





WITH the score on the line, a Portage Icer grabs the puck with his stick and makes sure he is not off-sides. A penalty is called when the offensive player precedes the puck across the blue line and into the zone.



A skirlish breaks out on the ice as a Lake Central player attempts to body check the Portage hockey team member. The Lake Central Indians were one of the teams biggest rivals.

WITH a power play in motion, sophomore Joshua Farley sets up for a slap shot. A goal of any good hockey player is the accomplishment of the ever elusive hat trick - 3 goals in the same game.

FIRMLY holding his opponent, freshman Randall Dawkins Jr. tries to secure his grip. Coach Winkel stated that Dawkins is an excellent athlete who has improved greatly throughout the year.



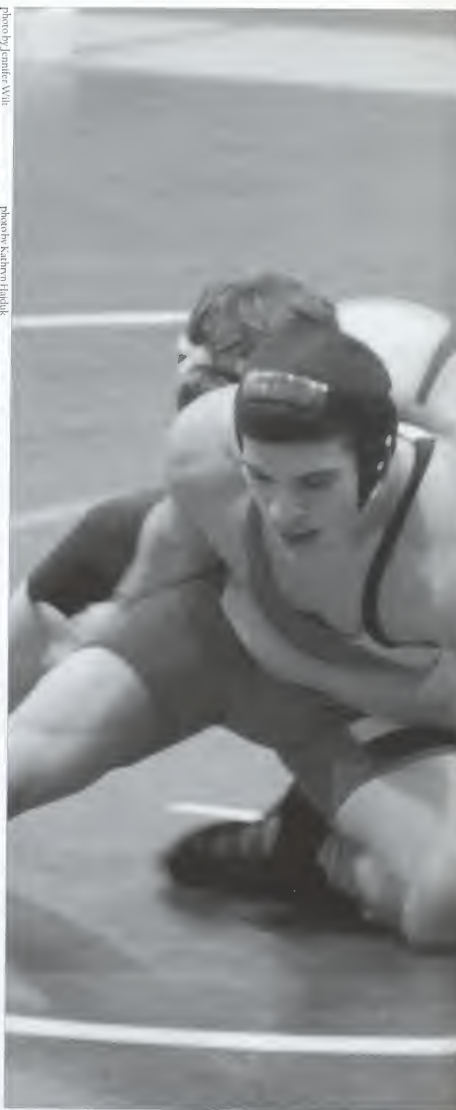
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OVERPOWERED by senior Blake Riley, the challenger fails to reach for safety. Even Griffith, one of the hardest wrestling teas in Northwest Indiana, was not a challenge for Riley.

ALTHOUGH he did not make it far in individual competition, freshman Anthony Costa's record is 18-3. With awards from the South Bend Riley and Mishawaka tournaments, Costa is a skillful wrestler.





BEFORE creating any confusion, the coaches ask questions to make sure the team is not being cheated. Jokes aside, Hinkle said the coaching staff is all serious when it comes to the team.

VERSUS a Hobart challenger, senior Aaron McGuffey seizes his opponent. McGuffey had a massive amount of strength for being one the shortest wrestlers on the team.



SATISFIED with the triumphant battle

story by: Kathryn Hajduk

From October until February, the Indian grapplers worked as hard as any other team. Even though, as a team, they only made it to semi-state, The once again defended their DAC championship.

"Yes we only made it to semi-state, but I am still proud of the success we made in the year," stated senior Josh Clemans.

Some weird traditions and habits became common sights to help insure a strong meet.

"Black socks. I had to have them along with some good music," stated senior Blake Riley.

With improvement over last year and a record of 23 wins to 1 loss on

varsity and 20 wins for the junior varsity, this season was a good one for the wrestlers. The wrestling team's win of the Duneland Conference tournament has been a constant for the past eleven years with a record of

75 wins and 2 losses.

The boys gave support to one another before each meet. Whether it was cheering for their teammates while they were on the mats or having a talk of

encouragement, the team supported everyone.

Senior Brad Kemp states, "I would talk to friends, stretch, run, or jump rope to get motivated for the wrestling match."

With much support from the teammates and from the coaches, everyone enjoyed the season.

John Hessefline, 10



"I just wanted to do something that would get me in shape for football and ever since then I have stayed in wrestling because it became fun"

What influenced you to be in wrestling?

"My dad wanted me to be in something besides football because he knew that wrestling would make me tough, strong, and self-confident."



Garrett Haggard, 11

READY for the first move, senior Trent Bolin looks his opponent down. Much improved since his freshman year.

Bolin has learned to anticipate his opponents and shows no fear in his eyes.



Photo by Jennifer White

READY for the whistle, junior Steven Jones shakes hands with his challenger before the meet. Jones is known as being a fair wrestler and thought of to have much improved season.

FIRMLY holding the Hobart wrestler, sophomore Brett Bernes grips on strong. Looked upon as a good wrestler in his sophomore year Bernes did not make it to state finals.



Photo by Jennifer White



Photo by Kathryn Huddle

LIE is a hawk, the anxious waiting wrestlers observe the others on the mats. Communication is the key in any sport, and in wrestling body language is how the team communicates.





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WHILE sitting and waiting for their turn, some of the wrestlers have their own warm-up traditions. Some listen to music, do jumping jacks, jump rope, run in place, or just relax.



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HEAD to head junior Daniel Martinez stares his opponent down. Like fellow teammates Martinez will sometimes only concentrate on having fun and going out there and winning on for the team.

FRUSTRATED with the match, Coach David Hinkel stands in fury. Hinkel encourages the waiting wrestlers to watch the opponent's style so when its time to go they know what they are up against.

WITH the ball shooting through the air, both teams box each other out at the bottom of the basket. Soon after rebounding, the team set up yet another play in order to score two points.

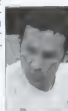
BEFORE the start of the game, both teams shoot around. After many hours of hard work and effort at their practices, they had the chance to show off their team support.

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Nick Serrano, II

photo by Kyle Telechan



"The unity between the athletes and the partners was a most rewarding experience. Getting to participate in a game with them was great!"

What was the most rewarding moment?

"I think just...it kind of felt like you helped out. We got to play with the athletes and teach them new things."



Brett Bando, 12



A good pep talk always gets a team motivated. During a full time-out on the floor, upcoming plays and strategies were discussed among the various teammates.

WHILE getting ready to set a pick, the players on the floor help out their teammate by luring their opponent to the other side. Both teams played successfully that night.



photo by Kyle Telechan



Strength

story by Kyle Telechman
through integration

Unified basketball, although not considered an official school sport, has attracted it's fair share of attention and participants. Composed of athletes, who are the students that participate in the LRE classes, and their partners, it has become a well-known activity with many players even though it was introduced into the school's extracurricular activities only a few years ago.

As with many other school sports, because of the abundance of participants, the team was split into both A and B teams. The teams showed persistence and dedication, practicing two to five times a week to prepare for the opponents they would face during the season.

Although both A and B teams pushed quite far into the year, the A team lost to Valparaiso and B team lost to Kankakee Valley to end the season at the sectionals, which took place at Valparaiso University.

Even through losses, many of the team members were pleased with the result of the season, and glad they participated in the program.



A heated battle for the ball breaks out as Junior Nick Serrano looks for a teammate to pass to. A member of the opposing team watches the ball vigilantly, waiting for a chance to get a steal.

WITH only a few seconds remaining, freshman Rachael Ramirez attempts to steal the ball away from freshman Kyrie Robinson of LaPorte. The Indians ended up going into overtime, but did come through victorious.

AFTER a LaPorte basket, Coach Leslie Cashmore calls a full time-out to tell her girls their next play. The team got along well and the chemistry they had helped them to have a great season.



Photo by Kelly Vink



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Photo by Jennifer White

ALTHOUGH missing her first free-throw shot, freshman Camille Lewandowski pulled off the next attempt. The shot tied the game, and the Indians went into overtime.

AFTER a battle for the ball, freshman Priscilla Catlin wins the jump which gave the possession back to the Indians. Catlin helped lead the Indians to yet another victory for the girls.



YOUNG

talent, long time chemistry

story by Kellen Yudi

Basketball is a sport that many girls play for a good portion of their childhood, and if not, the girls have most likely played together in their middle school years. Most of the JV and freshmen girls have been decedents from Willowcreek, or Fegley, and have played with their teammates throughout their basketball career.

"The team just really needs to get motivated. They are good, they just need a little team spirit. They really need to get excited about playing and winning, and of course, they need to work on lay-ups!", says Coach Leslee Cashmore.

Teamwork played a key roll during this season leading the Indians to have a great overall record of ten and seven.

"These girls are very close, if they

allow it they can grow with each other, and do even better." Cashmore states.

Both the JV, and varsity teams gave it their all throught the season. The freshmen girls overall best game was against Andrean. The girls came out victorious with the score of 42 to

39. The whole game was a struggle. The Indians were down the whole fourth quarter, but ended up coming out in a win.

"Our practices

were usually two hours long," freshman Christina Stewart addresses.

Both overall seasons for JV and freshmen girls this season were great.

Both teams put their hearts into every minute of the game.

Hopefully, next season will be even better than this one, and lead to another outstanding girls season.

Nichole Collin

10



"At Penn this girl and I were on the floor going for the ball and she grabbed my jersey so I threw up my fists like I was gonna hit her and the refs went crazy."

What was
your favorite
moment of the season?

"My favorite moment of the season was when we won the JV tournament for the second year in a row."



Jessica Medina

11



AFTER receiving a pass from one of her teammates, freshman Nicole Nelson attempts to pivot around her opponent. Nelson nailed her shot, giving the Indians an easy two points.

WHILE guarding her opponent heavily, sophomore Tiffany Effantis keeps her eyes on the ball. Effantis was a great player on the defensive end of the floor.

GREAT

story by Priscilla Hernandez

effort, but no satisfaction

As girl's varsity basketball came to an end, several athletes were not satisfied with how the season went. Although the team possessed the talent, the girls felt that they did not play to their fullest ability.

"We could have beat the teams we lost to," said junior Nicole McDonald.

The girls held the skills of a great team but lacked support.

"There was not enough encouragement from the coaches this year," said senior Lindsay Abram. Along with this, the team also dealt with height disadvantages. They now are aware of needed improvements for next year's team.

Unity was evident throughout the season as the girls laughed over locker room chats and bus rides to away games, and confided in each other.

"I thought we could have done better overall but all the players got along great," stated senior Carly Ristich.

There was no doubt that the girls made the best of their year. When they were together, they stuck together and had fun.



WITH a height of 5'9, senior Christina Kornacki is one of the taller girls on the team. Kornacki showed signs of stress as she broke from a tough play against the Valparaiso Vikings.

BOTH a varsity and JV player, junior Danielle Ricker concentrates deeply on the basket. With one hand, Ricker shot her free throw and scored an extra two points for the team.





Photo by Jennifer With

ALTHOUGH varsity games can be very stressful, junior Nicole McDonald handles the pressure well. "I love being on the court," says McDonald, "it completes me."

Emily Safstrom, 11

"My sister inspired me to play because she started playing when she was young. I wanted to be like my big sister."



Who Inspired you to play basketball?

"My family inspired me because my brother and I always played together and my dad helped me become the player that I am."



Leigh Cotton, 12

WHEN it comes to playing sports, injuries can become a major factor. The fierce competition against rivals only drives more determination and effort to capture the victory.



Photo by Genevieve Nimeth



WHILE positioning players in a full time out, the girls are able to take a breather. Although the team was defeated Valparaiso, they left the court with their head held high.

LACK of height proves to be a major disadvantage for the varsity team. Junior Krystal Rigoni is the tallest player with a height of 5'10. She remains as a key reserve for next year.

BRAVING

the season

story by Amanda Morales

Although our junior varsity and freshmen basketball teams may not have had the best of seasons, they were still productive. They brought teammates closer together and helped younger students of the game learn what will be expected of them in the future. After all, no time spent learning and playing your sport is wasted.

It was a season of self-improvement and team bonding.

"I love to play basketball. I play because there is no greater feeling than playing this game," remarked freshmen

Joseph Cole. This seems to be the consensus among the rest of the team.

It was a beneficial experience for those players with years of experience on a school team, and the inexperienced newcomer. "This was my first year on any kind of a school team," said freshmen Steven Glaser, "but I'm really glad I decided to try it out for the team this year."

The freshmen season was disappointing to some, but could also

be looked at in a positive light. These players have plenty of time to grow and mature in their game.

This year's A-Team broke even, with a record of nine out of eighteen, and the B teamers were two for twelve.

The junior varsity team's season did not go as well as expected. However, many of those students in the age bracket to play JV, were promoted to

playing for varsity. This is a major step up for younger players, and an honorable position change.

The general opinion among the

junior varsity team seemed to really be that camaraderie and team work was expressed. All in all, it was a learning experience for many, and a chance to work on improving and honing skills for others. For some, nothing less than a perfect season would be considered satisfactory, while others settle for their personal best. Even with all the season's ups and downs, as all teams have, for most, the overall experience was definitely worth it.

"Just playing even if we don't get a lot of support. I just love the game."

What is the best part of being on a team?

"I really like the camaraderie. Our season record wasn't so great, but that isn't the only thing that matters."

Mark Schauer, 10th

Joey Cole, 9th



The freshmen team forms a huddle during time-out for a pep talk from their coach Jeff King. The players listen intently as he explains the plans for the preceding game.

A strong player, freshman Nathan Lewis, drives the ball down the court. "He has speed and a good leap. That makes him a big threat," said sophomore David Staples.



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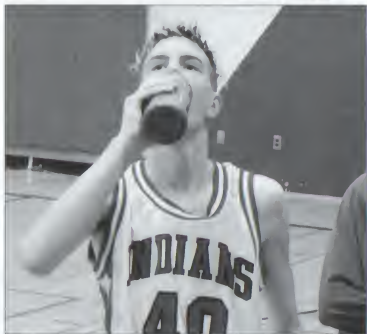
MAXIMUM effort is put forth by Matt Knez as he leaps for the ball in this exhilarating freshmen game. Several teammates come to the players aid.

TWO competitors give it their best out on the court. Joseph Morales blocks an Andean player in one of the freshmen team's most intense, but winning games.

Photo by Elizabeth Selek



Photo by Elizabeth Selek



AT the freshmen game, Andrew Repay takes a break to cool down with some water while he waits to get back out onto the floor. Players frequently take the chance to regain strength for the upcoming quarters.

THERE are highs and lows in one game of basketball. Here, sophomore Steven Hojnacki sits with head in hands lamenting a low point in this one.



Photo by Elizabeth Selek

Photo by Meredith Meland

THE junior varsity players gather around Coach Bryan Lochreondy to discuss a plan for the rest of the game. Strategy and teamwork are an important part of this exhausting sport.



AS is customary in every sport, opposing teams shake hands at the conclusion of each game. Displaying good sportsmanship and maintaining a positive attitude can be difficult after a loss.



KING of the hill

Many students anticipate senior year because of all the excitement that accompanies being an upperclassman, including senior week and other perks that encompass the wide of spectrum of benefits known as "seniority". Athletes are no exception, and after three years of torture, shagging balls and being antagonized, seniors can finally be top dog and relax.

Junior Matthew, 10

I enjoyed being part of a team where as a whole. We got along. It was a great group to be around," said lone senior Matthew Martinez.



"It was kind of weird, but I thought it was cool because a lot of younger players got to show their stuff."

What was it like having only one senior?

"With only one senior we lacked leadership and guidance. We're all learning and maturing as well as the coaching staff."



Anthony Lutz, 10

the 02-03 season unique because Martinez was the only senior, but the coaching staff was rearranged after Wells began coaching at LaPorte. Steve Bartos assumed position as head coach.

"At first I thought the coaching arrangement was just okay, but now, at the end, I think that the coaches

learned just as much about us as we learned about them," commented junior Milton Rivera.

The boys' ended the season with blank wins and blank losses.

With the experience the underclassmen were able to gain during the season, many feel the outlook for the coming years is something to be excited about.

"The new coaching is looking great, and it looks even better in years to come," said junior Daniel Paulsen.

With a season filled with ups and downs, all the boys definitely ended on top of the hill and their.

There were mixed emotions from the players concerning leadership and what some considered a lack there of.

"We were a young team that needed more leadership. It'd be a better caliber of ball with more experienced players," stated junior Hilary Manowski, better known as Billy to fellow teammates.

Not only was the situation during

PLAYERS frequently find themselves in awkward positions while vying for the ball. Trying hard to stay open for a pass junior Richard Studniz Jr. gets to know his opponent.





IN front of his parents, friends, and competition, lone senior Matthew Martinez takes a nerve wrecking shot at the free-throw line that lead him to a personal best of 23 points. His successful shot and undying drive to win helped the team regain momentum, which encouraged them to push their limits and resulted in victory over the previously undefeated Pirates by 32 points.

CHANGES brought Steve Bartos to the position of head coach for the 02-03 season. The entire coaching staff, including assistant coach Richard Kretz, vigorously tries to motivate the team during an away game at Valparaiso that went into double overtime.

AGGRESSIVELY boxing out the opponent using his body as a shield, junior Steven Vaught attempts to rebound the ball. Preparing to jump if the shot is missed, junior Kyle Autrey keeps watch.

Girls Swimming

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Date	Opp.	H/A	Varsity Score	W/L
Dec 3	Merrillville	H	97-88	1
Dec 7	5 & 8 ST Joseph's	H	57-119	1
Dec 10	LaPorte	A	63-193	1
Dec 14	Highland	A	52-50:25-75	w/1
	w/ LAF, JEFF			
Dec 17	Michigan City	A	65-120	1
Dec 19	Munster	H	63-123	1
Jan 7	Crown Point	H	54-131	1
Jan 14	Valparaiso	H	64-122	
Jan 18	DAC Meet	T&D	7th place	
Jan 21	Chatterton	H	44-41	
Jan 24	Wheeler	H	119-61	52-11
Jan 25	Fort Wayne Northside	A	58-88	w
Feb 8	Sec.-LaPorte	A	5th place	

Boys Swimming



Radley, Anantara, Josh Ackerman, Jacob Kanner, Tan Kimm, Eric Bailey, Eric Berni, Brandon Campbell, Jason Day, Eric Dawger, Owen Fink, Brian Givens, Courtney Kallman, Steven Kowalczyk, Jonathan Miller, Jay Murray, Adam Orsillo, David Padgett, William Parks, Joe Thomas, and Jeffrey Wagner

Date	Opp.	H/A	Varsity	Score	W/L
Dec 3	Merrillville	H	112-71		w
Dec 7	Munster Relays	A	4th		
Dec 10	LaPorte	A	106-80		w
Dec 14	Highland w/ LAF, JEFF	A	42-59-64-40		w
Dec 17	Michigan City	A	123-64		w
Dec 19	Munster	H	86-100		l
Jan 1	Crown Point	H	84-103		l
Jan 11	Diving Invite	H	2nd, 10th		w
Jan 14	Valparaiso	A	99-85		w
Jan 21	Cheriton	A	60-126		l
Jan 24	Wheeler	H	130-40		w
Jan 27	Fort Wayne Northside	A	149-34		w
Jan 28	Hobart	A	108-78		w
Feb 1	DAC Meet w/ Merrillville	A	3rd		
Feb 20	SEC vs LaPorte	A	2nd		

Swimmers



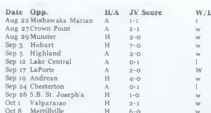
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Date	Opp.	I/A	Varsity Score	JV Score	W/L
Jan 11	Portage "Paris" Invite		and 2place		
Jan 15	Hobart	A	100-55-104-45	93-61-85	w/w
Jan 19	Michigan City	A	101-6-58-5	79-4-83	w
Jan 23	LaPorte	A	118-101-89	72-50	l/w
Jan 29	Crown Point	A	102-9-98-47	73-67-57-80	w
Feb 6	Merrillville	A	101-1-100-83		l
Feb 13	Leeland	A	103-65-84-40	78-50-80-1	w
Feb 13	Valparaiso	A	102-1-106-92	80-40-93-66	l
Feb 19	Chesterton	B	108-4-109-55	78-75-90-50	l/l
Feb 26	Merrillville (JV) Invite	A	no team score		
Mar 1	Conference	A	95-47-68-68		
Mar 8	Sectional	7BD	95-47-68-68		
Mar 14	Regional @ Valpo		J. Rejer, and place on the beam 9-4		

Sim's Varsity V. V. Basketball



Date	Opp.	H/A	Varsity Score	JV Score	W/L
Nov 29	Portage Invitational	H		68/70 matches won	
Dec 4	Michigan City	H	55-15	84-0	w/w
Dec 7	Lewell	H	44-21	w	
Dec 11	Merrillville	A	44-21	72-12	w/w
Dec 14	Calumet Invitational	A	2nd place/16		
Dec 14	Goshen Invitational	A	2nd place/16	17-0	
Jan 15	Hobart	H	63-6	72-6	w/w
Jan 22	Crown Point	H	45-14	48-12	w/w



Coach Junior Hopper

Simon, F. Presburger. *Mathematische Grundlagen der Arithmetik*.



Head Coach **Leelee Cashmore**, Assistant Coach **Heather Castle**, and Assistant Coach **Markus Gough**

Date	Opp.	H/A	Score	W/L
Nov 18	Crown Point	A	8:30-41 19-31	W
Nov 20	Hammond Gavett	H	37-2	w
Nov 25	Kant City Central	A	29-21	w
Dec 4	Cherokee	A	30-17	w
Dec 7	Hammond Bishop Noll	H	31-29	w
Dec 9	Michigan City	A	15-19	l
Dec 11	Highland	H	39-23	w
Dec 18	Merrillville	A	3-23 b 10-0	w/w
Dec 23	Valparaiso	H	19-38	l
Jan 10	Hobart	A	22-23	l
Jan 13	Andrew	A	42-39	w
Jan 14	Munster	A	30-27	w
Jan 18	"A" Tourney	H	24-37	l
Jan 21	Kankakee Valley	A	30-17	w
Jan 30	LaPorte	A	38-43	l
Feb 5	Lake Central	A	28-40	l

Boys Varsity / JV Basketball



Head Coach Steve Batros, Assistant Coach Dick Kretz, Assistant Coach Bryan Lochmeyer, Statistician John DeCoster.

Date	Opp.	H/A	Varsity	J.V. Score	W/L
Nov 23	Hammond (avit)	a	93-25		
Nov 30	E. Chicago tourney	a	40-63		
Nov 30	E. Chicago tourney	a	68-74		
Dec 3	Cahomet	a	71-51	40-43	w/l
Dec 6	Penn	a	52-64	37-57	l
Dec 12	Lake Central	a	68-79	31-44	l
Dec 13	Ona Crown Point	a	68-79	33-54	l
Dec 27	Valpo J.V. tourney	a	28-90		
Dec 27	Mack City tourney	a	65-57		
Dec 28	Mack City tourney	a	59-56		
Jan 3	Munster	a	60-66	40-55	
Jan 7	J.V. tourney @ R.C.	a	33-40		
Jan 11	LaPorte	a	77-83 (H)	32-36	l
Jan 11	Boonville	a	54-47	36-41	l
Jan 18	Bonnie Grove	a	65-46	36-44	l
Jan 23	Chesterton	a	59-73	38-56	L/L
Jan 23	Merrille	a	74-62	32-51	l
Feb 1	River Forest	a	83-59	42-37	l

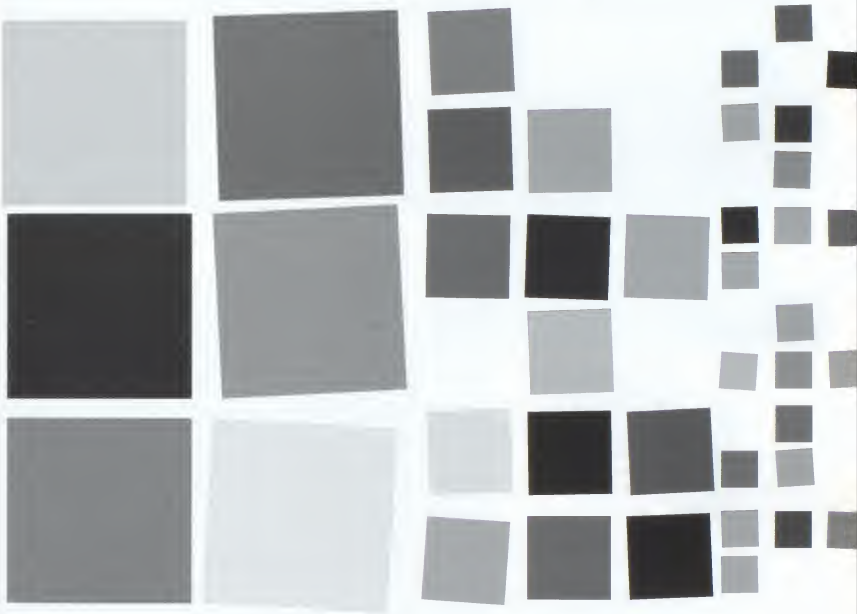
Boys Freshman Basketball

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Date	Opp.	H/A	Score	W/L
Nov 25	Michigan City	h	41-37	w
Dec 2	Hobart	a	37-23	w
Dec 3	Andren	h	38-33	w
Dec 11	Munster	a	34-54	l
Dec 12	Highland	a	32-46	l
Dec 16	Lake Central	h	40-57	l
Dec 19	LaPorte	a	38-48	l
Dec 26	Valparaiso	a	37-60	l
Jan 11	Minawakee Marian	a	37-29	w
Jan 13	Chesterton	h	39-24	w
Jan 23	Merrillville	a	25-55	l
Jan 25	"B" tourney at Valpo	b	14-54	l
Feb 3	Crown Point	a	76-54	l
Feb 10	"A" tourney	h	38-34	w
Feb 14	Boone Grove	a	48-25	w
Feb 8	Buskop North	a	66-21	w
Feb 12	East Chicago Central	a	37-51	l

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scoreboards



WITH great determination, Junior Allison Sattler flings gracefully over the hurdles while practicing during a meet. Sattler is also a cheerleader and soccer player for Portage.

ALONG with the rest of the team sophomore Kristin Meyers, and Juniors Erika Lopez and Allison Sattler, get ready to start off their race by warming up at the starting line.



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Angela Louiss, 11



What skills
are necessary to run
track?



"The willingness to learn more
and grow more and determination"

Nina Rodriguez, 10



photo by Elizabeth Sefcik

BESIDE her undefeated record senior Alice Wozniak flies over high jumping. Wozniak has won many awards and set the school record in the high jump.

ENDURANCE is a quality that Junior Constance Harvel has while running against her opponent. Harvel states, "Track is a great sport and keeps you in great shape."

photo by Meredith McLeod





Photo by Meredith McLeod

CONCENTRATION helps sophomore Tasha Papachronis throw her discus farther and farther each meet. Tasha also participates in shot put along with undefeated Ali Zuidervleit.

MOTIVATION is what keeps junior Trika Lopez concentrated on her distance to fall during her long jump event. Lopez is also a great hurdler and sprinter and she enjoys to play soccer.



Photo by Meredith McLeod



FASTER,

story by Ashley Villa

farther, higher, longer

Jump higher, run faster, and throw farther was the inspiration that kept the girls track team "on track" this year. Many of the girls were satisfied with how their season went.

Senior Lindsay Abram stated, "This year we were more united as a team and we were a much more of a competitive team."

Track can bring on a lot of challenges for the girls to conquer. Whether it is a broken bone, strained ankle, or a stress fracture, the girls still finish out their season as best as they can.

"To participate in track many will say you need speed, endurance, and strength, but in reality the most necessary skill you need to participate in track is motivation and the power to believe in yourself and your team," said junior Samantha Ellis.

Running, throwing, and jumping are not all the complete aspects of running track. To participate in track, one must ultimately believe in themselves.

PIERCED attacking one of the last hurdles in the 300 meter race, senior Kyle Sweeney bounds to the finish line ahead of the competition, as usual. Some of his many accomplishments this season include re-breaking his own school record and receiving the mental attitude award along with third place in the 110 hurdles at state.

Photo by Elizabeth Seifick



WINNING

takes all kinds

story by Elizabeth Seifick

What other sport potentially brings a two-hundred pound plus football player together, competing on the same team, with a ninety-five pound cross country runner? The only sport that requires such a wide variety of athletes and statures is track and field.

"We are all one awesome team. We come together to beat the rest, and we are a force to be reckoned with when we work together with our great coaching staff," stated senior and runner of the 400 and 4X4 Richard Collins Jr., retired cross country runner.

Eric J. Smith, Jr.



"I have complete confidence in the program over time. There are a lot of good things in the future, throwing and otherwise."

What is in the future for the track program?

"We have a great deal of success for such young runners, and our talent is bound to grow immensely in the years to come."



Adam Walters, Jr.

"In the beginning we're all separated in the teams that we came from, but as the season progresses the teams begin to unify into one. We talk and begin to learn about each other, which really makes everyone respect one another for individual differences and strengths," commented senior Thomas Potts, who throws varsity shot put in the spring and was also

offensive tackle and guard for the football team during the fall.

The track team consists not only of cross country

The boys begin the season with indoor meets and do not have the opportunity to socialize outside of their events due to separate preseason training, but by the end of the year, when outdoor season finished after state competition, the bonds that are formed between the different events such as pole vaulting, long jump, and throwing are recognizable and unique to track and field.

runners and football players, but also of basketball and soccer players, swimmers and others not involved in any other sports at all. It is literally necessary that all kinds of athletes come together, using their talents, in order to make track a success, leading to state recognition again this year thanks to the solid efforts that were exerted by all, both big and small alike.

WITH the discus gripped tightly in his throwing hand, sophomore Jonathon Kornacki bounds across the ring aggressively using his muscular legs to help power the implement into the field. A strong lower body is equally critical when throwing the discus as a toned and conditioned upper body. Most track athletes lift weights at least three days a week to gain strength necessary to compete.



Photo by Elizabeth Seifick





AFTER bounding forward into the sand pit with all his leg strength, sophomore Joshua Whalen balances in the air, attempting a solid landing in the long jump. Like all track athletes, Ziulkowski focuses on his form to score points during each meet.

AS they round the corner of the track, junior Robert Bailey and Jason Willis breathe heavily striding in unison. Running the 1600 is a test of a runner's endurance and stamina.



Photo by Elizabeth Selick



Photo by Elizabeth Selick



SLIGHTLY contorting his lanky frame in order to clear the bar, sophomore Steven Hognacki runs and leaps with all his strength. Hours of practice paid off when Hognacki was named most improved field event for his dedication to high jumping.

THE most complicated task in participating in a relay is handing off the baton to the next runner. Junior Brandon Gorgel finishes his leg of the 4x4, reaching to fellow junior Glenn Batista who firmly passes the baton without slowing the team.

[TENNIS] team member junior Karen Villicin gathers up the loose tennis balls as she and her teammate ready themselves to begin the next round against their Valparaiso opponents. Villicin and her doubles teammate, Jacqueline Barnum, shared the court at matches.



photo by Jennifer Dennison

[WITH] intense determination evident on her face, junior Priscilla Ramos goes after the ball being hit back to her by her Valparaiso opponent. This is Ramos's second year on the team



photo by Jennifer Dennison

CHANGING

story by Jennifer Dennison
for the better

This girls tennis season brought about several changes.

First, a new coach. Ms. Jessica Hufford who assisted Coach Vanessa George the previous year brought new flare ideas to the team this year. Hufford brought new enthusiasm.

The girls also sought to improve their record over the previous year and became more competitive and determined to win.

The focus was more on the strategy of the game as opposed to the individual skills.

Two key players, seniors Suzanna Harman and Biljana Jasnik, said goodbye to the high school tennis team this year, as they will both go on to different colleges this coming fall.

The girls had a better season all around and next year's team will benefit from the experiences of the underclassmen of this year.

[As] she serves to her opponent, junior Kristin Stewart displays technique and talent. Stewart was part of the varsity tennis team this season.



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photo by Jennifer Pennington

WITH grace and speed, senior Biljana Jasnica charges the net to put pressure on her opponent. Jasnica also played for the girls varsity soccer team and plans to continue in that sport in college.

photo by Jennifer Pennington



TIME and effort are noticeable in a smooth serve as demonstrated by senior Suzanna Harman. Harman played doubles with fellow teammate and senior Biljana Jasnica. The two became accustomed to each other's style of playing and learned to anticipate and depend on each other's moves.

photo by Jennifer Pennington



photo by Jennifer Pennington

AS she makes one last attempt to send the ball back to the other side of the net, senior Biljana Jasnica displays many hours of hard work and skill. Jasnica played doubles.

GOOD follow through helps make a great tennis swing. Junior Kristen Stewart keeps her eyes on the ball to see if she was able to score a point against her opponent..



EVEN during practice, players compete against themselves trying to shatter their personal high scores. Years of practice are required to perfect the proper technique necessary to excel, skillfully mastering the art.

THERE aren't many people that can say that they've bowled a perfect game of 300, but junior Chad Smith can. Showing off his incredible form, Smith amazes onlookers during practice at Camelot Bowling.



Ashley Barragos, 10



"I find it interesting that other schools can letter in bowling; however, at this school it's not important enough!"

What are your feelings about lettering?

"It gets me mad because administration say that it isn't a sport. I'm 442 sure band isn't a sport. Plus, we win more titles than some sports."



Craig Vargas, 10

IN the bowling ball rolls fiercely down the lane, senior Carlos Garza Jr. carefully balances trying to avoid crossing the marked boundary. Crossing the line results in a penalty.

WITH fellow teammates looking on, junior Jacqueline Slusher releases the ball, easily guiding it. Slusher wears a brace that supports her wrist and helps her maintain proper form.



To be a true bowler, one must remain patient and find ways to stay entertained between frames. Freshman Allison Gossett sits with her sister, junior Kimberly Gossett, socializing as they watch others bowl, waiting for their turns.



BOWLED

over by administration

All athletes practice, condition and devote their time to a sport, if not several sports, that they are passionate about. Most would agree that the rewards of the hard work are immense and indescribable. However, there is one prize that has come to represent the effort exerted: the coveted Portage "P" to embroider on a letterman's jacket which the bowling team has been deprived of being able to wear proudly.

"We are a sport, and we compete with the same intensity other sports do. We practice hard and work for the same goal, state and the D.A.C.," commented junior Ryan Smock, voicing his disgust concerning the lettering situation.

Lettering was once only for jocks, but more recently many organizations are allowed to letter participants. Now band, academic and speech teams, and even excelling scholastically have been added to the list of those allowed to letter, raising questions from the bowlers as to why they still are overlooked.

"We've gotten really far [in competition] and I'm proud of everyone who bowled this year," said junior Dawn Oresik about her team and their performance.

This year, the girls team won the Duneland Athletic Conference, and the boys advanced a few bowlers to state level. The teams deserve to be recognized for their commitment and seem to be the lone pin standing at the end of the alley now that so many other organizations have been knocked out and allowed to letter.



Photo by Elizabeth Seck

CO-CAPTAIN of the boy's team, senior Christopher Casson, pulls away after aggressively releasing the ball. Casson is a stand out bowler that many other teams take interest in watching because of his talent for the game.

SEVERAL Indians gather around a Mustang Mustang as he prepares to bowl. Curious to see how many pins the competition has left standing, even Portage Coach Steve Kindee shifts left in order to gaze down the lane.

THE Railcats Stadium, in Gary, hosted area high school baseball games this season. Here the team stands watching the game on a professional field.

CAUGHT by surprise, senior Alexander Espinoza steps back to avoid being hit by a pitch. While at bat, not only must one worry about hitting the ball, but not being hit themselves.



Photo by Jeremy Sanchez

Daniel Kirby, III



"The Railcat Stadium is awesome. The field is beautiful and majestic. It presents a heart-warming atmosphere to the crowd"

**Did you
like playing at the
Railcats stadium**

"It was fun, because it's not everyday that you get a chance to play in a professional baseball stadium."



Malcolm Rivers Jr., III

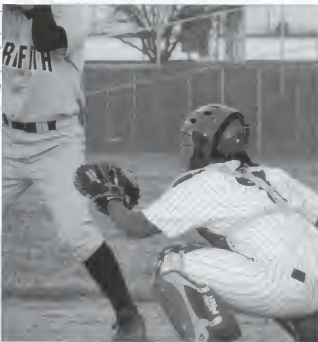


Photo by Jennifer Dennison

WITH intense concentration some of the members of the junior varsity team watch and cheer on their teammates. Baseball takes hard work and dedication by all who play.



THE catcher deals with not only the batter from the opposing team and the pitcher, but also the umpire. Raymond Przybyz III squats waiting for his teammate to throw the ball.

FULL of Indian pride and passion to win the game, senior Frank Knez pitches the ball to junior Ray Przybyz, who catches for the varsity baseball team. Strong relations between the pitcher and catcher are essential to a good team.



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TEAMWORK is an important aspect of any sport, and the same holds true in the game of baseball. The varsity team huddles up for a pep talk of sorts before the start of the game, hoping to add a little good energy to their team.

AS he stands by watching his teammates, senior Christopher Rogers waits patiently for his turn at bat. Baseball is a team sport and a lot of the time is spent cheering for the rest of the team.

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PLAYING

story by Jennifer Dennison
a new field

The varsity baseball team received the opportunity to play at the new minor league Railcats Stadium, in Gary, this season.

Portage played the team from Hammond Gavitt and won. Many exciting things happened during the game. Sophomore Daniel Biby got the crowd going during the song "YMCA", by standing up on the top of the dugout the dancing along.

The general consensus among the team was that the experience was one that will be remembered for a long time to come. Not only was the team given the chance to play in a professional stadium, but also to give much needed publicity to the game of baseball in this area.

Bringing

story by Jennifer Wilt
out the sticks

This year's softball team really brought out their bats, ending with a varsity record of 19 wins and 9 losses and the junior varsity finished with 17 wins and 7 losses.

"We were a lot stronger offensively than last year, but it wasn't enough to carry us out on top. We made mistakes and we were weak in some areas, but we learned from what happened, and will use it as a learning experience for next year," explained sophomore Teri Harrington.

The varsity encountered two new coaches this year, David Ortiz and Stephanie Engle.

"I love our coaches. They always have something to say to inspire and motivate us, which helps getting us through the 'impossible' times," stated sophomore Paige Roy.

"The softball team is closer than any other team I have ever been on. We get along on and off the field, which contributes to our chemistry between the lines," exclaimed senior Rebecca Wyatt.

"This year was good, but next will be better," stated sophomore Rebecca Meyers.

The ability to put down a sacrifice bunt is important to advance base runners. With sophomore Jessica Riffel on first base, freshman Megan Rodriguez gets the job done.

It takes hard work and dedication to be a good pitcher. Senior Cristin Zaragoza and her fast ball are the backbone of the varsity team and have been since her freshman year.



Photo by Jennifer Wilt

Alexandra
Ramos, 11

"We work a lot harder and we put a lot of time into a really hard schedule."



What makes softball different from other sports?

"You make good relationships with the girls on the team and the coaches push you harder because they care about you."



Jessica Riffel, 10



After a great start in the first inning, the team huddles to congratulate one another with high-fives. The girls prepare for their first at bat hoping to take the lead.

While fielding the ball, sophomore Kara Horner uses the correct form that her coaches taught her during preseason. Horner is a varsity starter, despite only being a sophomore.



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Varsity players roots on their teammates while up to bat. Overall, the team has improved offensively opposed to last season.

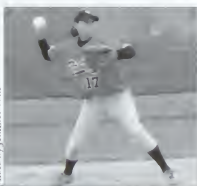
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As the perfect pitch comes in, sophomore Rebecca Meyers starts her stride anticipating a hit. Meyers was one of the best contact hitters her freshman year, and carried it through into this season.

After playing outfield last year, senior Carly Ristic filled in the shoes of former starter Tracy Korbar at short stop. Ristic is one of the five captains of the varsity team.

HELPING

story by Kelley Tindt

keep the spirit alive

Many think that cheerleading should not be considered a sport. Opinions vary from each cheerleader on this issue.

"To me, cheerleading is a form of performing used to entertain crowds at certain events and adds energy to the team they're cheering for," sophomore Trisha Sabocik states.

The team cheers for basketball and football, plus attends events such as the homecoming pep rally and other school functions.

"Many of our new girls have worked hard this year to get more advanced. Their hard work will really pay off in their future years of cheering," Sabocik addresses.

Some of the girls have been cheering since they were young. Portage Pop-Warner has raised many of the cheerleaders. Some of the girls on the team also help coach the junior cheerleading squads.

The cheerleaders have made this year's season in sports exciting, and have kept the fans on their feet throughout the game. The season has been well thought out, and has led to a great success with a bid to nationals.



photo by Jennifer Wilt

SPRINT and **enthusiasm** are the main basis for cheerleading. Sophomore Sadye Conover shows her school pride and dedication by cheering at one of the football games this fall.

THE team's responsibilities are more than just the traditional football games. The girls cheered at guys and girls basketball games, and restored a sense of school spirit in the crowd.



photo by Kelley Tindt

photo by Jennifer Wilt

WHILE being lifted into the air, sophomore Roberta Vargas and freshman Megan Tiernan balance with grace. Both girls are on the varsity squad and attended nationals this year.

STRENGTH, concentration and unwavering focus are necessary for a perfect, injury-free lift. A crowd of girls gather at the bottom of the mount to ensure a successful catch.

photo by Kelley Yuck



photo by Jennifer Wilt



IN attendance at one of the boys' basketball games, freshman Ronell Hulse does a routine with her teammates. The girls give all the energy they have to motivate the team from the sidelines.

SUPPORTED by her teammates, senior Maria Lozano cheers the crowd on. The hard work and effort put into this season paid off with an outstanding performance at every game.

photo by Jennifer Wilt



Laura Anderson, 11

"I think that the hardest part of cheering is practicing before competitions. It involves a lot of time and effort."

What is the hardest part of cheering?

"I would have to say practicing our routines. Doing it over and over full out gets tiring sometimes, but it's worth it."



Kandi Nuyt, 11

FLEXIBILITY and **litheness** and common traits for the girls on the dance team. Each team member knows the importance of warming up and stretching before every practice and competition.

FACTALS are a must for all poms dancers. Junior Jade Martinez clearly expresses the bright, excited facial expression seen on the girls as they dance.



PICTURE perfect! The girls all come together to take an informal group shot during practice. The girls practice weekly in the best cafeteria and gymnasium.

COMPLEX dance moves and precise timings within formations make the routines very interesting. Freshman Stephanie Tanis solos in the center formation; the rest of the team dances in synchrony.





SCHOOL spirit is written all over the poms team's uniforms and the performances they do at the school events. The girls prove how their hard work makes for a mind-blowing performance.

WEEKLY practices in the West cafeteria and gymnasium are what helps the team prepare for their performances and competitions. The girls work on mastering a position in the cafeteria.



DEVOTION makes for a first place team

After a demanding year of intense practicing, learning multiple jazz, funk, and poms routines, and competing around the country, the poms team has two Nationals first place rankings in both funk and poms to show for it. Senior and captain Julietta Concepcion agrees that "the girls worked really hard to make sure they learned

their technique perfectly. It takes hours of practice to learn all of these dance moves and perfect them to the level that our girls did."

In order to perfect their routines for competitions such as regionals, which was held in the Portage High School East gymnasium this year, the team travels all over the state to compete using the routines that they practice all year long. Part of the team choreographs routines at the beginning of the year, and for the most

part, those routines are perfected at practices, competitions, and performances at school games. Because of the immense amount of time the team spends rehearsing their routines, the outcome of their performances always astonishes their audience. The exact precision of each movement is one of the most

impressive things about the teams dancing. "Probably the most difficult thing about poms dancing is trying to make sure that we are all

"I had to do a move where I slid under a girl while she did a toe touch. I kept getting it wrong and getting hurt because one of us would be too early and she'd end up landing on my head."

What is the hardest dance move you've had to learn?

"Fueles! When I first learned them I didn't control my center enough and my turn-out wasn't right, so my legs weren't as high as they should have been."



Stephanie Tanis, 8



Julietta Concepcion, 12

in synch with each other. We have to make sure every part of our bodies is parallel to the rest of the group," said freshman Stephanie Tanis.

Whether or not the team believes that the routines they perform are difficult, an abundance of talent is needed to properly execute the dance routines in order to make sure those first places keep on coming!



ABILITY to choreograph their own routines, and the talent needed to do so is prevalent in the poms team. Senior Julietta Concepcion and junior Whitney Ferguson execute the choreography.

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Date	Opponent	H/A	
Apr 15	Hobart-LaPorte	LaPorte	98-27-27 W
Apr 22	Crown Pt./Mich. City	Portage	80-51-25 W
May 6	Valpo & La Central	Portage	34-84 L
	Team Record	5-3	
	Conference Standing	4th place	
	Sectional Standing	3rd place	
	Regional Standing	6th place	
	Penm Invite	6th place	

Bovis Track

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Date	Opp.	H/A	W/L
Apr 15	Laurel - Hobart	Portage	113-31-25 W
Apr 19	Indian Invitational	Portage	63-48 W
Apr 22	Crown Point	Michigan City	63-48 W
Apr 29	Chesterton	Merrillville	47-5-44-5 W
May 6	Valparaiso	Valparaiso	48-87 L
	Team Record	6-2	
	DAC Standing	2nd place	
	Sectional Standing	2nd place	
	Regional Standing	7th place	

Girls Tennis



Futaba Kimura, Chris Pridemore, Jackie Sanders, Amanda Dorchy Nappo, Maura Thomas, Emma J. Cook, Patricia Kuster Dorris, Columba Harris, Jordana Mason, Shana Reed, Tiffany Malenka, Karen Rogers, Jessica Kuylenstierna, David Squire, Elizabeth Ruppert, Taylor Campbell, Whitney Bussell, Leah Ann Zimmerman, Anna Zimmerman, and Coach Jezecca Hufford



Varsity Softball

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Date	Opp.	H/A	Varsity Score	JV Score	W/L
Dec 5	Laporte			w	
Dec 12	Lake Station			w	
Dec 16	Michigan City			w	
Dec 21	Holiday Tourney				2nd place
Jan 6	Laporte			l	
Jan 15	Hobart			l	
Jan 20	Valpo			l	
Jan 27	Chesterton			w	
Feb 6	Chesterton			w	
Feb 11	Crown Point			w	
Feb 20	Marquette			w	
Feb 24	Laporte			l	
Mar 8	Sectionals	tie		l	



Day	Opp.	H/A	Varsity Score	W/L
Apr 7	Lowell - Var <td>H</td> <td>PPD</td> <td></td>	H	PPD	
Apr 9	St. Albans - V	A	10-0	W
Apr 11	Boston Green	A	10-0	W
Apr 13	Porter Place - H	H	76-10.1	LW
Apr 15	Ch. Concord	A	10-0	W
Apr 17	Vaillairiso	H	3-2	W
Apr 19	Horrison	H	PPD	
Apr 21	St. Albans	A	7-3	L
Apr 23	Concord	A	8-0	W
Apr 25	La Grange	A	10-0	W
Apr 28	Griffith	H	4-0	W
Apr 28	Kennelake Valley	A	0-0	W
Apr 30	St. Albans	A	10-0	W
May 1	Merrillville	H	PPD	
May 3	Chenierette	H	0-3	L
May 5	Porter Place	A	1-1	W
May 7	Vaillairiso	A	PPD	
May 9	St. Albans	A	5-3	L
May 13	Concord Point	A	1-0	W
May 15	Michigan City	H	11-5	W
May 17	St. Albans - H	H	100-10	W
May 20	Merrillville	A	2-0	W
May 22	Monster	H	3-1	W
May 24	St. Albans	A	10-0	W

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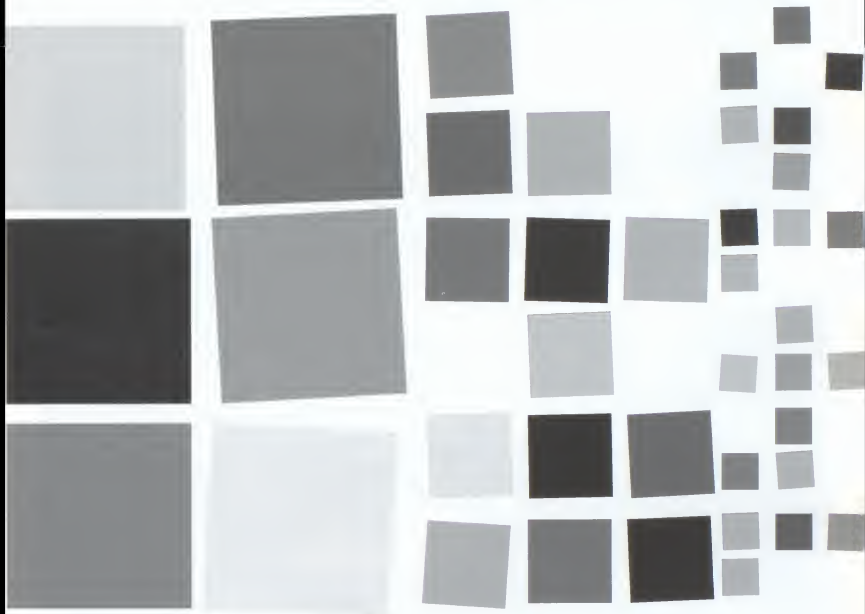
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Apr 9	Lake Station	A	4-0	W
Apr 10	Andean	A	0-8	L
Apr 11	Munster	A	6-7 (10 innings)	L
Apr 15	Chesteron	H	7-11	L
Apr 17	Valparaiso	A	1-5	L
Apr 19	Indian Invitational	H	vs. So. Bend Adams 14-1 vs. Boone Grove 11-3	W
Apr 21	Hebart	A	8-0	W
Apr 23	Crown Point	H	3-10	L
Apr 29	LaPorte	H	3-4	L
May 1	Merrillville	A	2-3	L
May 5	Chesteron	A	7-4	W

Amones, Asst. Coaches :Rob Kania and Bryan Lochmondy, JV Head Coach, Lon Saloman, JV Asst. Frank Dranchak

Wellman, Asst. Bob Dixon

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'TIL next time

high school begins a new transition for the student body. exposure to countless personalities leave students on a quest for their own identities. the friends that students begin the school



year with may not always be the ones that they have in the end. growing apart and recognizing oneself are changes that all students must endure. these changes push students to experience

life on a different level. as a result, the four years at high school shape their adolescent minds while they continue to grow and adapt to the everlasting changes 'TIL next time.





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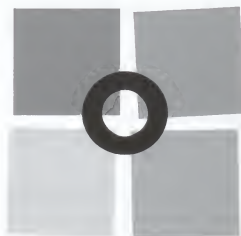
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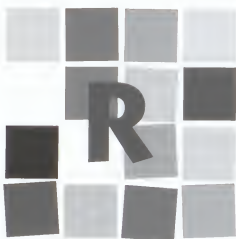
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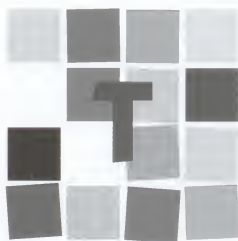
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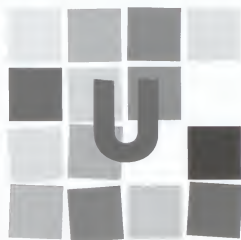


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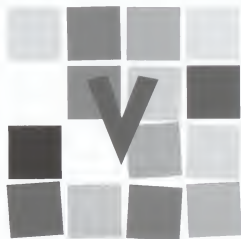
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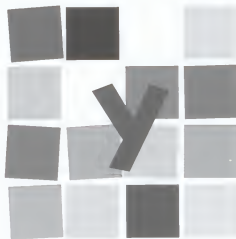


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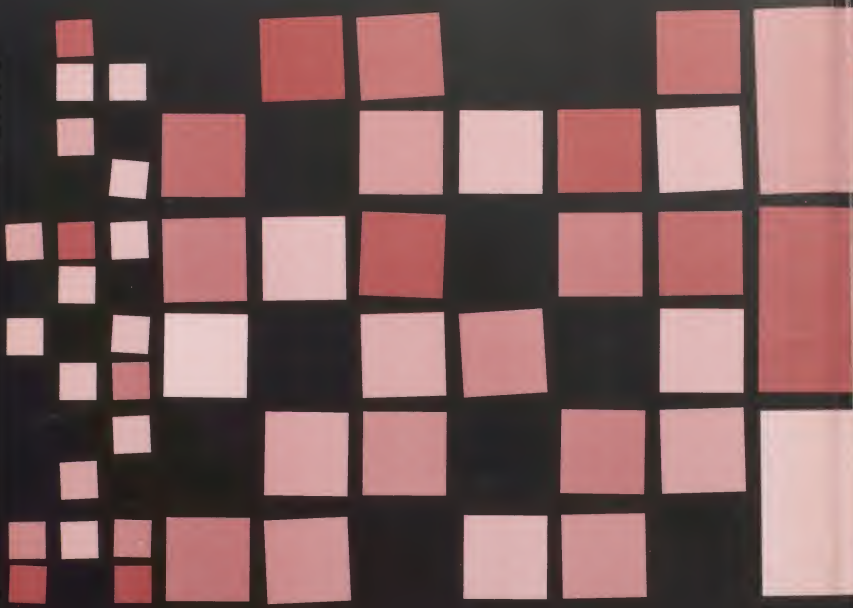


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Freshman: *Arise*, Top Hat, **Paper**, HandelGotBol, **OTC/AMERICA**, Times New Roman, Veridian301 BT

Faculty: **Grizzly BT**, Novarese Bk Br, AHJ COPPERPLATE GOTHIC COND, **Berlin Sans FB Demi**, Vignelli, OCR A Extended, Californian FB, **OTC**

Sans Ultra Bold, *Helvetica*, Berlin Sans FB, Bauer-Bodini Bk BT

Organizations: *Helvetica*, Californian FB, Georgia, *Arise*

Sports: Georgia, OCR A Extended, **Ballman**, Kabel Bd

Alderson Photography, 573 Glenwood Drive, Portage, Indiana was the official school photographer and produced some of the sports candid. Most photographs were digitally taken by the yearbook staff. All photos unaccompanied by a photo by were taken by the adviser Mr. Mark J. Karmel or by the professional photographers of Alderson Photography

The yearbook was first sold during summer registration 2002 for \$35 each. The yearbooks increased in price \$5 per term thereafter. Yearbook advisor was Mr. Mark J. Karmel and the principal was Mr. Richard Kirchner.

